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Township Committee Approves Contested Snowden Pathway

A \$100,000 stretch of proposed pathway for Snowden Lane was approved by Township Committee Monday night, apparently bringing an end to opposition that had caused six months of headache for legislators and residents alike.

Once a standard sidewalk proposal, the 1,300-foot pathway will line the western side of Snowden Lane between Franklin and Hamilton avenues. The Township hopes to put out a bid to a contractor within the month with construction expected to get underway by May, according to Township Engineer Robert Kiser.

When residents living along that portion of Snowden Lane received notice last Labor Day that their street had been identified by the Township as an area in need of a sidewalk, they balked at the proposal, claiming that a sidewalk would not only take away from the "bucolic" character of the street, but would possibly give the road the appearance of a wider thoroughfare, thus causing drivers to speed up.

Residents also called on the Township to employ various methods of traffic calming other than law enforcement,

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District Eyes \$67 Million Budget

A \$67 million tentative budget for the 2005-2006 school year was announced at the Princeton Regional School Board's finance committee meeting on Monday. This budget does not include the \$1.895 million second question, which will ask voters to fund additional programming for the district, much of it focusing on academic intervention and support, as well as additional staffing for the elementary schools and funding for middle school and high school athletics.

If approved by voters on April 19, the budget will raise taxes in the Borough eight cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of land, and Township taxes by six cents. This does not include the funding for the second question, which would raise Borough taxes an additional six cents, and Township taxes an additional five cents.

If the entire budget and second question are approved by voters, Borough taxes will be raised to \$1.72, up from \$1.56 in the 2004-2005 school year; Township taxes will be raised to \$1.54, up from \$1.43.

The overall budget will increase almost \$5 million from last year's \$62.3 million budget; however, approximately \$2 million of that budget will be funded through federal and state grants. The district is also receiving \$3.3 million from Cranbury for tuition compared to

the \$3.015 million it received last year, said Board Secretary Stephanie Kennedy. Princeton will have 18 additional Cranbury students this year, which will up the Cranbury enrollment to approximately 243 students. The overall Princeton student population will remain flat, so this growth shouldn't have a large effect on the schools, she said.

In addition, the Princeton Charter School received state funding to cover the tuition of 288 students, which covers everyone on the list of students wanting to attend the school during the 2005-2006 school year, said Ms. Kennedy.

But despite the many breaks the district received from various sources, Princeton's state aid is frozen once again this year, making it the fourth year in a row that funding didn't increase, said the Board secretary.

"We got everything we expected to get," she said, adding that the district must continually rely on no more additional funding from the state than it had received in the previous year.

The district also faced an additional obstacle this year, the state's new S-1701 bill, which caps the district's budget at a three percent surplus, as compared to six percent in previous years. Due to this new law, \$1.3 million in budget cuts were made to this year's budget, which include funding to Princeton Young Achievers and Springboard, two after-school programs for students. Ten aide positions and three teacher positions will be removed from the budget, as well.

Ms. Kennedy also announced that \$100,000 that was previously set aside for technical equipment at Princeton

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Judge Backs Variance for Jazz Club; Zoning Board Set for Final Review

A jazz club proposal for the former Mike's Tavern site on Bayard Lane has overcome yet another obstacle as a state superior court judge rejected a neighborhood-based attempt to block a variance that will allow for a 10,750-square-foot restaurant. Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg issued her decision last week after hearing the case on February 25. The suit, filed against the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment last July, charged the board and the applicant, Hageman Lane resident Stephen Distler, with violating state municipal land use law by not notifying all property owners within 200 feet of the proposed development on the corner of Birch Avenue and Bayard Lane.

Mr. Distler did contact residents within 200 feet of the former Mike's Tavern, but allegedly did not contact those living within 200 feet of the pro-

posed satellite parking area, the former Stefanelli's Automotive Garage, a property Mr. Distler owns just south on Bayard Lane at the corner of Leigh Avenue. But that element was withdrawn in the face of the lawsuit. The removal of the satellite parking element, however, had no bearing on Judge Feinberg's decision, as she reviewed the application for the proposed club, "Astons," as it was approved by the zoning board — with the off-site parking. The lawsuit also charges that the zoning board did not consider neighboring residents' objections to having a restaurant with live music on that site.

Plans for Astons, designed by Triumph Brewing Company architect Terence Smith, feature a three-level building that would house a 159-seat restaurant serving lunch and dinner seven days a week and that would hold regular jazz

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THE ART OF SEEING: Photographer Safi wa Nairobi, who is legally blind, chats with Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand at Sunday's opening of the ArtFirst! juried exhibit at the University Medical Center at Princeton. The photograph on the left won second prize for the photographer who sees with her camera. All of the artists in the show are professionals with disabilities and come from all over the country as well as India and Canada.

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The invited candidates include Mildred Trotman and David Goldfarb, the incumbent candidates for Borough Council; Bernard Miller, running for re-election to Township Committee, and Vicki Bergman, the newly-announced candidate for Township Committee. Bill Enslin, who currently serves on the Committee, has decided to not run for re-election.

Candidates who would like to appear at the March 20 event should notify PCDO President Scott Carver by Sunday, March 13, at (609) 924-9845. They should also notify the Democratic Party chair for their municipality. Candidates for the Borough should call Andrew Koontz, at (609) 252-0264; candidates for the Township should call Dan Preston, at (609) 252-0011.

There will be a question-and-answer period, followed

by an endorsement vote. Voters must be Borough or Township residents, and must have paid their PCDO dues by March 6, 2005.

Following the endorsement vote, members of the Princeton Health Care Task Force will give a presentation that will summarize the various plans for the use of the site on Witherspoon Street now occupied by the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Refreshments will be served. More information about this event and other activities of PCDO are listed on the web, at www.princetonodems.org.

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doctoral candidate in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University.

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New Jersey Future, the state's oldest and largest smart growth research and advocacy organization, has awarded its annual Smart Growth Award to Princeton Borough, Princeton University, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Nassau HKT Associates for their efforts in the Downtown Redevelopment Project. Once entirely completed, the project will have transformed two downtown surface parking lots into developed property featuring new retail space, apartments, a public square, the new library, a planned food market, and a municipal garage. All recipients will be honored at a ceremony at the Newark Club on May 4, between 5:30 and 8 p.m. For more information or to attend, visit <http://njfuture.org/articles/SGAs.htm>.

The **Princeton Borough Council** unanimously approved the removal of the captain's position from the Borough Police Department at its meeting on March 1. Council members will discuss leadership alternatives, such as appointing three lieutenants and designating a successor for Chief Anthony Federico, who had been the former captain, at its regular meeting on March 22.

The **Princeton Regional Planning Board** unanimously approved an application for the Ivy Club, a privately-owned eating club for Princeton University undergraduates, that calls for the removal of a covered patio in the rear, and building an L-shaped, two-and-a-half-story addition in its stead. While University attorneys insisted that the increase in social space to 8,270 square feet would not increase the club's enrollment, board member Bill Enslin worried that the addition would create a traffic situation around the club.

The **Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education** was scheduled to convene last night at its regular meeting, where board members were expected to vote on the tentative 2005-2006 budget, which will be submitted later this week for county approval.

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Rabner: Future of Princeton Hospital About More Than Real Estate Dealings

Around two-and-a-half years ago, when Princeton Health-Care System (PHCS) set out to establish its future goals and objectives, facility replacement was only one goal out of about 65, according to Barry Rabner, president and CEO of PHCS. Mr. Rabner outlined this planning strategy Thursday at a Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Doral Forrester. Subsequently, those goals were boiled down into three groups: necessary; desirable;

and possible.

With the debate heating up around the issue of relocation efforts by the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), hospital officials have tried to point out that those efforts involve more than just real estate transactions and that the fundamental reasons for trying to relocate the 85-year in-town institution stem from the need to overhaul facilities and think about health care 20, 50, and 100 years down the road.

On January 24, when the trustees of PHCS, the flagship entity of the hospital, announced that they were considering relocation over onsite expansion efforts, the message was received by the public in terms of land and future development. The forums held by the independent municipal task force assembled to study the PHCS strategic plan also focused largely on real estate and possible future occupants of the 11.76-acre Witherspoon Street site and the nine-acre Merwick Rehab site on Bayard Lane.

The first group of target areas, deemed as "necessary" objectives, featured 12 of the aforementioned 65 goals, the

Mr. Rabner noted that other regional hospitals had been spending upwards of \$2.5 million in marketing in PHCS's service area.

"We didn't do any marketing," he said. "I think of marketing as really educating the public about the services that are offered and the reasons why you might choose to get care here."

The name change was meant to underscore the hospital's teaching status — one that it has held for 35 years.

From the business perspective, Mr. Rabner and the PHCS trustees also set out to improve the hospital's financial performance. Having suffered a loss of \$6 million four years ago, PHCS had a profit of \$11 million in operations for fiscal 2004, a figure that puts UMCP in the top five hospitals in the state. "We feel good about the financial performance," he said.

Flash forward to the present day, when hospital trustees feel that after rebounding from near financial crisis, UMCP needs to expand to keep up with the growth of nearby hospitals. As Marvin Reed, former Borough mayor and chairman of the aforementioned municipal task force, has said repeatedly as he tours with the task force to report to various municipal bodies, virtually every major hospital within a 30-mile radius is looking to grow in a manner that is commensurate with the health care demand in their primary service areas. The Trenton-based Capital Health System, for

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most notable of which was, of course, the prospect of onsite expansion or relocation. Because of this pivotal objective in the hospital's strategic plan, Princeton Borough and Township are faced with the prodigious job of rezoning the property for future development, which is likely to be housing (Princeton University graduate, senior, affordable or otherwise), or some sort of mixed housing/retail complex. At the same time, the municipalities must prepare for the not-yet-out-of-the-question scenario of the hospital expanding onsite if it is unsuccessful in its attempt to relocate. The task force, composed of municipal planning, zoning, and elected officials, released its report last month with recommendations that neither encourage or discourage relocation, but recommend how to rezone for either scenario.

That said, Mr. Rabner understands the intricate and oft-confounding task at hand, but as the executive of a facility that is not only a regional health care provider, but also a business, he said the remaining "necessary" goals should not be eclipsed by the prospect of relocation.

"We had to figure out where we should be in terms of providing services and how we should organize them," he said.

When Mr. Rabner took over the executive position at PHCS in 2002, he succeeded a Dennis Doody administration whose relationship with the immediate neighborhood was considered to be strained partly because of the hospital's acquisition of four single-family homes on Harris Road. Cognizant of the fact that the hospital had also lost market share for several consecutive years, the Medical Center of Princeton, under Mr. Rabner's lead, changed its name to the University Medical Center of Princeton and launched an intense marketing campaign.



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example, the parent company of a couple of one-hundred-year-old hospitals in downtown Trenton, announced plans in January to build a 300-bed facility on a 31-acre tract on Princess Road in Lawrence Township. The move was widely seen to compete with more regional suburban hospitals like UMCP and Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) University Hospital in Hamilton Township.

The RWJ University Hospital in New Brunswick has spent several years expanding their urban campus in downtown New Brunswick. In January, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at RWJ opened, marking the completion of a \$5.9 million project that increased the unit to approximately 8,000 square feet, up from 1,000. That type of expansion is indicative of plans put forth by several regional hospitals.

In light of the hospital's intention to move within six years, the task force has recommended that zoning allow for an immediate expansion of 35,000 square feet simply for improvements. Hospital officials have offered no indication that UMCP would use all or any of an allowed 35,000 square feet, but their strategic plan is clear in that certain changes and upgrades need to be implemented sooner, rather than later.

When it came to exploring the possibilities of onsite expansion, the hospital ran into some unavoidable issues that are assumed to have influenced the trustees' vote in favor of building a new facility between two and six miles

from the current Witherspoon Street campus.

Onsite, the hospital would have to replace various infrastructural amenities like heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical systems that represent "a bigger problem than you might think," Mr. Rabner pointed out, adding that in a newer hospital, those systems account for about 40 percent of operational costs.

"When you start fooling with those systems, you have to bring all of the space that they go into up to current code," Mr. Rabner said that if the hospital were to do that onsite, it would have to add about 250,000 square feet—more than seven times the space the task force has recommended to address immediate needs.

The current UMCP Witherspoon campus has 510,000 square feet. The suggested increase would have only gone a small way toward doing what the hospital's strategic plan says it needs to do to stay "competitive." Mr. Rabner has speculated that a new campus would require no less than 50 acres. The hospital's strategic plan forecasts the turning over of about \$15 million for the acquisition of new land and between \$220-230 million for a new hospital, parking, and ambulatory care center. Mr. Rabner observed that UMCP's service area is expected to grow by about 20 percent by 2025. Currently, 16 percent of UMCP patients are from Princeton Borough and Township, with the majority of patients coming in from East Windsor Township, West Windsor Township, Monroe Township, Plainsboro Township, Cranbury Township, and Hightstown Borough. "When I talk to those folks, they hate

crossing Route 1, so that's an issue that we have to address as well, and that's a tough one."

Looking down the road beyond 2025, Mr. Rabner said that the hospital would need a "minimum" of 1.2 million square feet—more than double the size of the current campus. In fact, the task force's Mr. Reed has said that he hesitated at public forums to illustrate projections that focused on an onsite expansion of that magnitude because of the anticipated public outcry.

Mr. Rabner also noted the possibility of getting tied up in "significant litigation" that would certainly slow any onsite development if the hospital were allowed to expand onto surrounding streets.

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Borough residents could face a five-cent increase in taxes this year if the proposed 2005 budget is approved by Council, according to a report given by Borough Administrator Bob Bruschi at Council's meeting last week. The increase will bring taxes up to 89 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of land.

Mr. Bruschi also delivered news that, in accordance with Council's projection for 2005, the budget reflects no increase in expenditures from 2004, with a budget of \$21.93 million. This was good news for the Borough, as one month ago the Borough announced a potential nine- or ten-cent increase in taxes again this year. Council unanimously approved the introduction of the budget, slated for public hearing on April 5.

After a tax increase of 12 cents last year, the Borough has kept a watchful eye on its expenditures, making cuts wherever possible to keep taxes down in 2005. Some of the actions the Borough has taken include changing the health benefits plan for employees, which saved \$244,000, as well as leaving six Borough positions vacant, including two police officer positions that will remain vacant for 12 months, after which the necessity of the positions will be reexamined, said Mr. Bruschi.

If the five-cent tax increase is approved by Council, taxes will have increased 27 cents since 2000. Taxes only increased two cents between 2000 and 2001, then doubled to four cents from 2001 to 2002, and again from 2002

to 2003. After quadrupling to 12 cents from 2003 to 2004, the proposed budget for 2005 is still raising taxes more than it was a few years ago.

Some new or increased revenues have helped improve the budget this year, including Princeton University's contribution, which is up \$300,000 from last year. The University had made a promise to give \$50,000 more than last year; however, it exceeded that with a total donation of approximately \$814,000. Without this donation, taxes might have gone up seven or eight cents rather than five, said Mr. Bruschi.

Construction code fee revenues are also up \$262,000, and the reserve for debt service is up \$96,000, which means that after using up the \$600,000 in reserve last year, the Borough made \$696,000 this year.

"Revenues are far in excess of what we had envisioned last year," said Mr. Bruschi.

However, there were also decreases in certain revenue areas this year, including municipal court fines, down \$81,000. State funding was also down, as the Borough received \$180,000 in extraordinary aid last year that it will not receive again this year. Homeland security funding was also down \$70,000. All of these revenue decreases led to a five-cent tax increase despite no increase in expenditures, said Mr. Bruschi.

The Borough is anticipating bringing in \$2.5 million in parking revenue this year, with \$1.1 million in direct revenue to the municipality. How-

ever, with the opening of the Spring Street garage, the Borough has its first full debt service payment this year of \$786,231, which excludes its full year payment of operating costs.

Getting the other projects downtown completed in the near future is critical to future budgets, according to Mr. Bruschi, who added that if the Witherspoon House had been completed by now, there would have been no tax increase this year for Borough residents.

With a capital improvement plan budget holding at \$3.7 million, Mr. Bruschi said the Borough will face some tough decisions on future road projects in order to keep the budget down, including the maintenance of Mercer Street, Cleveland Road, and Witherspoon Street, which will all need repairs over the next few years. Sewer and road projects comprise two-thirds of the capital budget, with the rest going toward items such as replacing vehicles, which can be held off for a year or two depending on the circumstance, said the Borough administrator.

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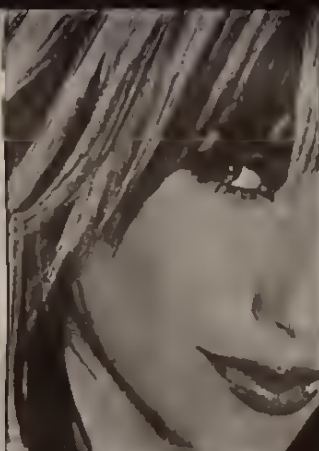
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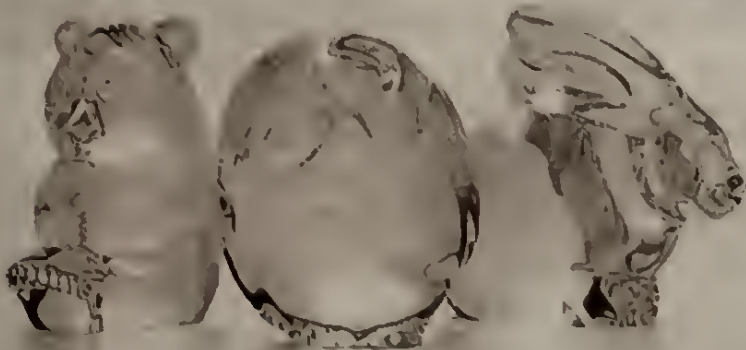
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Washington Crossing Audubon Society is having a field trip to Cumberland County in southern New Jersey, on Sunday, March 20, led by Charles Brine and Brad Merritt. The group will leave the Princeton area by carpool at 7:30 a.m. To register and for carpool instructions, call Lou Beck at (609) 737-0070.

The purpose of this trip to Cumberland County is to observe early spring migrants and it involves numerous stops, the first one being about 1½ hours from Princeton.

Monday, March 21, Washington Crossing Audubon Society will host a presentation by Adrian Binns entitled "Morocco: Birding the Edge of the Sahara Desert." The program will be held in Stainton Hall on the campus of the Pennington School located at 112 West Delaware Avenue in Pennington. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

Mr. Binns grew up in Morocco, was educated in England, and now resides in Pennsylvania. He is president of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, field director of Jaeger Tours, member of the Nikon/DVOC World Series of Birding Team, an avian illustrator and photographer, and a contributor to Ponds Magazine.

Saturday, March 26, Washington Crossing Audubon Society will go on a field trip to Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. The trip will be led by Lou Beck and Brad Merritt and will begin at 8:30 a.m. The group will be looking for migrating waterfowl and other northern bound birds in this productive local wildlife management area.

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Council Considers \$98,000 Study on Police Services

Borough Council unanimously agreed to consider hiring a firm to study its police services after passing a resolution last week asking the Township to join a discussion on police consolidation between the two municipalities.

The \$98,750 study by the Virginia-based consultant, Carroll Buracker & Associates, would examine the services of the Princeton Borough Police Department. While all Council members eventually agreed to move forward with a discussion about implementing the study, it was at first vigorously opposed by some Council members at the March 1 meeting.

"This is \$100,000 that's not wisely spent," said Councilman Andrew Koontz at the March 1 Council meeting. He added that he saw no point in paying a firm to give the Borough recommendations on its current police department when he and other Council members would like to move forward with a discussion of consolidating police with the Township.

Both the Borough and Township had already approved a joint dispatch study by the firm earlier this winter, at a cost of \$70,000, which was funded in part by the state, and in part by both municipalities, each paying \$25,000.

Last month the Township approved the police services study at the same cost being offered to the Borough, and it

is expected to be completed in five months.

"I can't imagine a worse expenditure of money," said Councilman Roger Martindell. "This is half-baked and going nowhere." He added that if the municipalities moved forward with consolidation, he would be more than willing to put money forth to pay for a study on consolidating police, as it would save taxpayer's money in the long-run.

Mayor Joe O'Neill emphasized the need to know how having a current police force of 32 officers, compared to the regular 34, will impact safety and policing in the Borough.

The Borough officially approved the reduction of the police force from 33 to 32 members at its March 1 meeting when it agreed to remove the position of police captain.

Despite the cost to the municipality, Borough Administrator Bob Bruschi firmly encouraged Council to move forward with the study: "I think this is an essential step to take ... from the staff perspective," he said, adding that through meetings with various entities in town, including merchants, he has gotten the sense that there is concern in the community about decreasing the police force when gang violence seems to be on the rise.

However, Mr. Koontz contended that a report given earlier this year by former Chief Chuck Davall stated that there is high satisfaction among the

community with the police department, and there is no reason to pay for a study of its services when there have not been studies of the other departments that have recently undergone staff reductions due to budgetary constraints.

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley reminded Council that the differing opinions within the municipal government are exactly why an outsider should conduct an analysis of the department and give Council a better idea as to how it should proceed.

Mr. Martindell and Mr. Koontz agreed to move forward with a discussion about the police study if a resolution was drawn up asking the Township Committee to show its support for talks on consolidating police. The resolution passed four to two, with Ms. Benchley and Council President Mildred Trotman voting against it.

Ms. Benchley said she wasn't in favor of the wording in the resolution, and Ms. Trotman said she didn't have enough information to make

an informed decision on whether or not police consolidation is a good idea.

After receiving the Borough's resolution on Monday, Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said she was surprised to see that Council wants to move forward with talks about police consolidation before reviewing the results of the study about consolidating dispatch services.

"I don't know if we would even consider consolidating police without seeing the results [of the study]," she said, adding that she will have to speak to the Committee before deciding how to formally respond to the resolution. "I don't think it's in our best interest to endorse police consolidation at this time," she added.

The bond ordinance for the study on Borough Police services will go before the public at Council's March 22 meeting.

—Candace Braun



RELIVING A CHURCH'S PAST: Ramon Basie portrays the Rev. William Drew Robeson, who was Paul Robeson's father, at a history of the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church between 1880 and 1940. Mr. Robeson was minister at the church from 1880 to 1901. The event, which highlighted several children portraying their church leaders of generations past, was organized by the Witherspoon Junior Usher Ministry.

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In Looking at Witherspoon's Future, Group Keeps an Eye on Hospital Site

Though the trustees of Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) have indicated that they will focus their energies on relocation, the residents of what is one day likely to be the former hospital neighborhood are focused on potential future uses of the 11.76 acre site that could contribute to redefining the neighborhood.

With the Princeton Health Care Task Force Report recommending various uses if the University Medical Center at Princeton vacates that land, neighbors of the hospital worried Saturday morning that bad planning and money-making development will trump efforts for inclusive planning.

The discussion, held at the Princeton Public Library and facilitated by Princeton Future, a community-based group that examines in-town development, also addressed task force recommendations that, some worry, dictate zoning variances granted to benefit future occupants of the hospital site.

"It's kind of strange that here we sit, and we're finding a way to enhance the benefi-

ciary of something that was detrimental to the community," said James Floyd of Harris Road.

Princeton Future is in the midst of its Witherspoon Street Corridor Study, which not only addresses the use of the hospital site, but the commercial zone on the southern end toward Princeton University.

Not necessarily in response to the Health Care Task Force recommendations, Princeton Future compiled a list of its own recommendations for the future use of the hospital's land based on the series of Saturday morning meetings that began in December.

The report, while only a preliminary draft, was clear in stating that the current density of the hospital site is such because urban hospitals have to be densely developed for efficiency purposes. However, the report indicated that any redevelopment of that site, be it housing, affordable, senior, University graduate, or otherwise, be done at reduced density.

In addition, the report suggests that any redevelopment onsite be tax-paying, which is in concert with the task force report.

One point of concern for residents was the task force recommendation to allow for up to 35,000 additional square-footage onsite in anticipation of the immediate needs of the hospital until it moves in the six years targeted. PHCS officials have offered no clear indication that there is an intention to use that 35,000 square feet if granted the necessary variances.

"I'm not supporting that at all and I would be looking at that very carefully," said Hendricks Davis of John Street. "I just think that it doesn't hold to their desire if they want to relocate the whole operation."

Echoing the sentiments of the task force's Mr. Reed, who has spent the last two weeks making his rounds to various municipal bodies presenting the task force findings, Mr. Davis said that none of the developmental plan-

ning should be predicated on the hospital's "need to generate capital to sell that property."

Robert Geddes, co-chair of Princeton Future, said the history of the neighborhood needs to remain as part of the general discourse as the community weighs developmental needs on Witherspoon, calling for a preservation "looking backwards and development looking forwards."

But having said that, Mr. Geddes said he was "very skeptical" about zoning as a means to achieve those goals of balanced planning.

The next Princeton Future meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 16 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the Princeton Public Library.

— Matthew Hersh

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Hospital Site Planning Process Begins As Reed Tours Task Force Report

A report put together by the independent task force assembled to address the future zoning needs of the Witherspoon Street hospital site is currently making its rounds throughout the community, picking up feedback along the way.

When the report was released to the public last month, Princeton Health Care Task Force Chairman Marvin Reed outlined a schedule that would enable him to present the findings of the report before all related municipal bodies, including Princeton Borough Council, Princeton Township Committee, the Princeton Regional Planning Board, and the Princeton Community Master Plan Sub-Committee.

And while Mr. Reed, the former Borough mayor, may seem more ubiquitous than snowfall these days as he makes his rounds, the tour indicates the beginning of what is expected to be the complex, arduous process of rezoning the 11.76 acre site of the University Medical Center at Princeton and the nine-acre site that houses Merwick Rehab on Bayard Lane.

This past week, as Mr. Reed brought the report to the Planning Board on Thursday and then to Township Committee on Monday, the community began to see the framework of a major development project.

For the most part, the report was taken at face value as municipal officials heard and processed it and the zoning recommendations put forth. However, some issues were clear from the start.

At Borough Council, and again at the planning board meeting, Wendy Benchley, a councilwoman and board member, emphasized that any research for pending development should be funded through an escrow account that would be financially fueled by the hospital's corporate parent, Princeton HealthCare System. Borough Council expressed the same opinion in a resolution that was passed after Mr. Reed's presentation.

"The resolution that we passed was very clear that the Borough would like to have the hospital [pay for research]," Ms. Benchley said Thursday.

Concerns about a prefabricated-type development were also voiced at the planning board hearing, but were quelled by Mr. Reed, who spoke for PHCS President and CEO Barry Rabner when he said that development would be approached from a more sympathetic point-of-view: "Barry knows he can't send in some cookie-cutter development."

Board member Bill Enslin backed Ms. Benchley's sentiments, saying it was up to the hospital to spearhead the planning process. "I think this is a time for the hospital to step up and to fund the additional expenses that are involved in this."

Heidi Fichtenbaum, of Car-nahan Place, addressed both the planning board and Township Committee as she worried about the additional 35,000 square-feet of breathing room the task force has recommended to allow the

hospital to grow within the six years before pending relocation.

"This could be done in smaller pieces, but 35,000 square feet is a rather large building," she said, likening that amount of space to the office building on the corner of Henry Avenue and Witherspoon Street, a building that she listed as approximately 31,000 square feet.

Ms. Fichtenbaum, whose home is adjacent to the hospital campus, also objected to the task force recommendation that indicates a need for "plan B" zoning if the hospital is unsuccessful in its relocation effort.

"If we're going to do just-in-case zoning, I was sort of thinking that I could have a just-in-case tax break just in case my property values go into the toilet," she quipped.

Another obstacle the hospital will have to overcome, Mr. Reed said, was that of the third round of state affordable housing standards. Whatever happens to the hospital site will present a litmus test for how the municipalities handle the new standards that place stricter requirements on municipalities to include an affordable housing obligation with new development.

"I don't think we can wait for a developer come in and say 'oh wait, you also have to include some affordable units.' I spent ten years with Palmer Square because we got ourselves into that situation," Mr. Reed said, referring to his decade-long battle Palmer Properties LLC, the developer putting up 100 units on the northern end of Palmer Square along Paul Robeson Place. "Any kind of development is going to have to assume how to help the municipality meet its affordable housing requirements right from the start."

Touching on health care, Township Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller addressed the

hospital's access from a new location, and wondered if patients who receive free clinical care are mostly from Princeton. Mr. Rabner indicated that about 30 percent of those who use the hospital's clinics live in Princeton Borough and Township, with about 16 percent of its in-patient population living in the Borough and Township.

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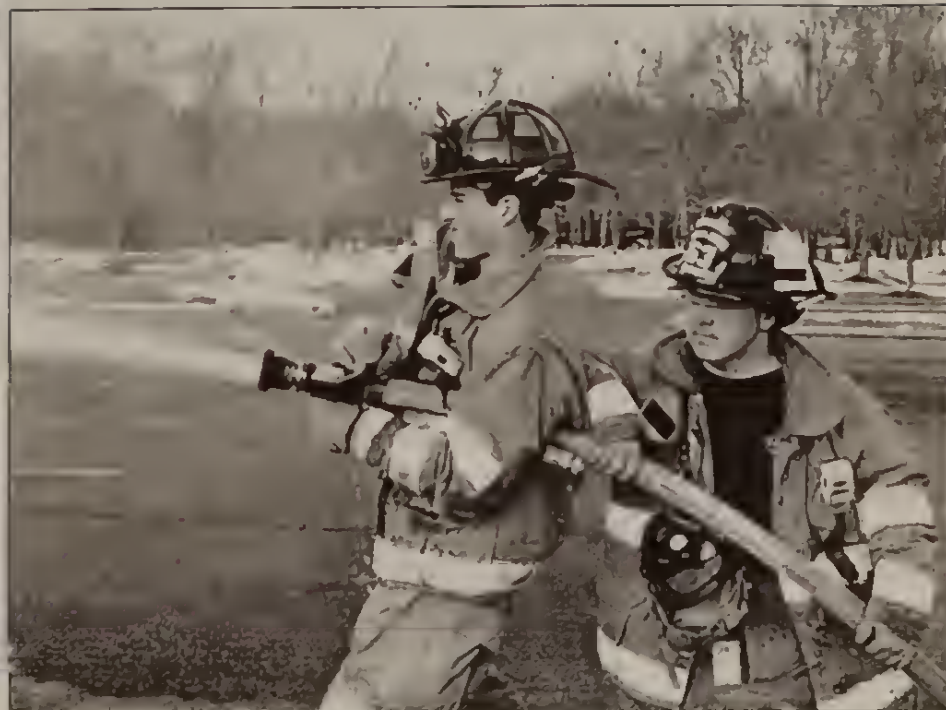
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JW Principal Bill Johnson Receives Bud Vivian Award

John Witherspoon Middle School Principal Bill Johnson was recently named the 2004 recipient of the ninth annual Leslie "Bud" Vivian Award for Community Service.

Mr. Johnson has served as John Witherspoon's principal for more than 25 years. The award, which is given by the Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF), will be presented to Mr. Johnson on Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m., in the school's commons. A \$1,700 grant to a charity of Mr. Johnson's choice accompanies the award and will be presented to the middle school for the Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Johnson's nominators describe him as a "bridge between the many communities of Princeton," and as someone who has done more than anyone to improve race relations. Thanks to his leadership, John Witherspoon is one of the best schools in New Jersey and has been recognized as a "benchmark school" by the state and the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence for its best practices as part of the new Just For Kids-New Jersey Program Initiative.

Mr. Johnson has also run the Princeton Youth Concerns Committee, which gives young people a voice and listens carefully to their ideas. The principal knows and is known to every child and parent in the Princeton Regional Schools, and they are his biggest fans. He has routinely worked "above and beyond" the requirements of his job to make sure that Princeton's young people are well nurtured in and out of school, according to PACF.

The Vivian Award for Community Service, established by members of the Princeton University Class of 1942, recognizes a person who best exemplifies the qualities of the late Bud Vivian's leadership and his commitment to serve the Princeton community above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Vivian saw the need for community action to resolve problems of human need, understood how to generate constructive compromise, and carried solutions through to completion. Mr. Johnson

exhibits many of the same traits that made Mr. Vivian an effective leader and esteemed colleague, according to PACF.

The Vivian Award for Community Service is made possible through the Vivian Memorial Fund, an endowment fund of PACF.

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Princeton Schools Host Education Symposium

The Special Education PTO of Princeton Regional Schools is hosting an Education Symposium on Saturday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John Witherspoon Middle School Library.

The symposium will feature two workshops, the first of which, "Researching and Applying for Grants", will be presented by Jeffrey Graber, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Princeton Regional Schools, and Kim McReynolds, grant writer and program specialist

for Princeton. This workshop, which will run from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., will serve as an introduction to the world of grants: a primer for parents and staff on the process of researching what is available, how to determine if a given situation fits the required criteria, and how to properly apply for a grant.

The second workshop, "The State Legislature, School Financing and You", will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be presented by Ms. Lynne Strickland, executive director of Garden State Coalition of Schools. Ms. Strickland will discuss the S-1701,

the state legislature's attempt to provide property tax relief at the expense of public school budgets. Participants will learn how this legislation hamstring local boards of education and how Princeton can lobby to amend this legislation.

These workshops are formulated for presentation to the entire Princeton Regional Schools population, as we are all participants in this current budgetary crisis. Both workshops are free of charge, and refreshments will be provided.

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ALL TOGETHER NOW: Princeton High School's the Cat's Meow performed along with other a cappella groups, a DJ, and a band at last week's Friday Night Live at the Library, an event planned by the Corner House student board with the help of the library's teen advisory board. The cats meowing are (from left) Ruth Weiss, Min Yi, Sarah Chapin, Lauren Santiago, Megan Bell, Lucy Breidenthal, Mary Knapp, and Brittany Fiorello.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Snowden Lane

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including islands and speed humps. It has long been municipal policy, however, to avoid using speed humps on the 100 miles of Town-

ship roadway because of the damage they can do to plows and ambulances travelling at high speeds.

Both the Township Police Department and the Princeton Regional Schools endorsed the pathway pro-

posal. While the Princeton Community Master Plan does not specifically address placing pathways on Snowden Lane, it does express the need to establish walkways that create pedestrian links to schools, and shopping

and recreational areas. This particular neighborhood lies within the Littlebrook Elementary School district, and is near the Princeton Shopping Center, and Barbara Smoyer Park.

Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller and Committeeman Bill Hearon worked with residents toward what appeared to be a reluctant compromise on both sides. What will result from those discussions will be a blacktop path that "meanders" along the curb and shifts away from the road to avoid tree removal, Mr. Kiser said. According to plans, the path appears to be tailored for each of the 16 homes on the affected properties.

Despite months of resident opposition to the pathway plans, Monday night's 4-0 vote — Committeeman Bill Enslin was absent — was

surprisingly quiet. Some were present, but the only resident to speak out against the Township was not even necessarily an opponent of the sidewalks. Tom Mavis, who lives on the eastern, and thus unaffected, side of Snowden Lane, criticized the Township for its policy against speed humps and worried that Snowden Lane has become too much of a bypass road to sustain its "minor collector" status, as indicated in the master plan. "It's a pass-through street and is in contradiction with what the definition is for a minor collector," he said.

But Mr. Kiser, citing a police traffic survey, said the average of 2,500 cars that drive daily along Snowden Lane makes the road suitable for its minor collector status.

Mayor Phyllis Marchand said that while the Township has control over design and traffic enforcement, it cannot control who uses the road.

"We cannot say 'this is a minor collector, use Harrison Street [instead].'" The pathway is only one component of a \$1 million Snowden Lane reconstruction project, slated to get underway in the spring.

Other Walkways

Despite the amplified attention given to the Snowden Lane walkway proposal in recent months, it is only one of several areas identified by the Township in need of pedestrian accessibility. Committee voted unanimously in favor of installing sidewalks on: the southern and western side of Carnahan Place and the corner of Guyot and Henry avenues for \$18,400; Grover Avenue between Franklin Avenue and a point just north of Clearview Avenue for \$42,000; and both sides of Clearview Avenue between Grover Avenue and Harrison Street North for \$70,000. All sidewalk costs are assessed 50 percent to the property owners.

The Township also unanimously approved an ordinance that allows for the installation of the municipality's standard "Belgian-block" curbing on both sides of Dorann Avenue for \$26,000 with 100 percent of the cost assessed to the property owners.

Tee-Ar Place

Finally, Committee introduced an ordinance that would install sidewalks along the eastern side of Tee-Ar Place between Clearview and Franklin avenues for \$36,800 with half the cost assessed to the property owners. Tee-Ar Place is an interesting example of community planning, where the residents, once faced with the prospect of having sidewalks installed on their street, saw that as an opportunity to make other improvements, including improved lighting. Township is expected to hold a public hearing and vote on that ordinance on April 4 at 7 p.m.

—Matthew Hersh

NJEA Looking for Judges For Editors Award Program

The New Jersey Education Association is looking for judges for the State Education Editors (SEE) awards program. Judging is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15 at NJEA, Room 210. Breakfast and lunch will be catered and judges will receive a parting gift.

SEE is a group of editors, webmasters, designers, and communications specialists that work for the state affiliates of the National Education Association. The awards categories include websites, e-newsletters, news feature stories, publications, marketing materials, and photography. Each judge will have a judging scorecard. Guidelines will be gone over beforehand.

Potential judges who have questions should call Dawn M. Hiltner at (609) 599-4561, ext. 2320 or email pastephan@njpa.org.



PUTTING ART FIRST: Artist James Uhl, above, is one of 78 artists exhibiting their works in ArtFirst!, an international exhibition and sale of art and crafts by artists with disabilities at the University Medical Center at Princeton. The exhibit is free and open to the public and will be on display in the main floor public corridors of the hospital through April 15.



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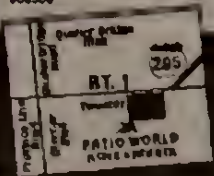
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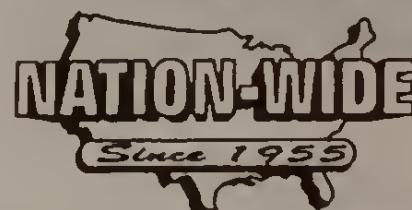
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- Stop in next door at Chez Alice and pick up a pastry for dessert.

At home, wash the spinach thoroughly and spin dry. While the tilapia is baking, heat a small amount of olive oil in a wide skillet over medium-high heat. When the pan is hot, add the spinach in several large batches, stirring gently until wilted. When all of the spinach is wilted, pull the pan off the heat, add the juice of half a lemon, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve the tilapia, spinach, and salad, followed by dessert.

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School Board

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High School as part of the second question has been reallocated to fund the salaries of two additional science teachers at the elementary school level, as requested by elementary principals.

One item on the second question which has already received comment from several Princeton parents is \$90,000 earmarked for two full-time security monitors at the middle school and high school, as well as an additional \$90,000 for additional administrative assistance at PHS, possibly in the form of a dean of students.

According to the Board secretary, many of the programs and other school enhancements that now need to be funded through a second question would have more than likely been covered under the regular budget if the state hadn't decreased the budget cap this year.

The Princeton Regional School Board was scheduled to vote on the tentative budget at its meeting Tuesday night. The budget will be sent to the county and reviewed with Ms. Kennedy on Thursday.

There will be a public discussion of the 2005-2006 budget at the Board's meeting on March 29. Voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget, as well as voting for the three incumbent candidates for school board—Michael Mostoller, Walter Bliss, and Jeffrey Spear—during the April 19 elections.

—Candace Braun

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Daughters were born to Sally and Ross Okelly, Princeton Junction, February 21; and Yazuko and Marcus Yamashiro, Princeton, February 26.

Horse Doctor and Dentist To Visit Howell Farm

The horse doctor and dentist will be making the rounds at Howell Living History Farm this Saturday, March 12. Besides seeing some of the tools, techniques, and products that relate to horse care as it was practiced during the farm's 1900 period, visitors will be able to meet a veterinarian and horse dentist, and can even try their own hand at a bit of horse doctoring.

"Kids will be able to listen to a horse's heart through an antique stethoscope, look inside a horse's mouth, and even rub cream into a cracked hoof," according to Kathy Brilla, the farm's program coordinator. During the morning hours, the horse dentist will be checking the horses' front teeth. From noon to 1 p.m., visitors can watch the horse doctor give spring shots and worming medicine to the farm's draft horses.

A children's craft program, "Horsehoe Letter Holder," will be offered in the Visitor Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$3. Participation is on a walk-in basis. Groups of eight or more must pre-register.

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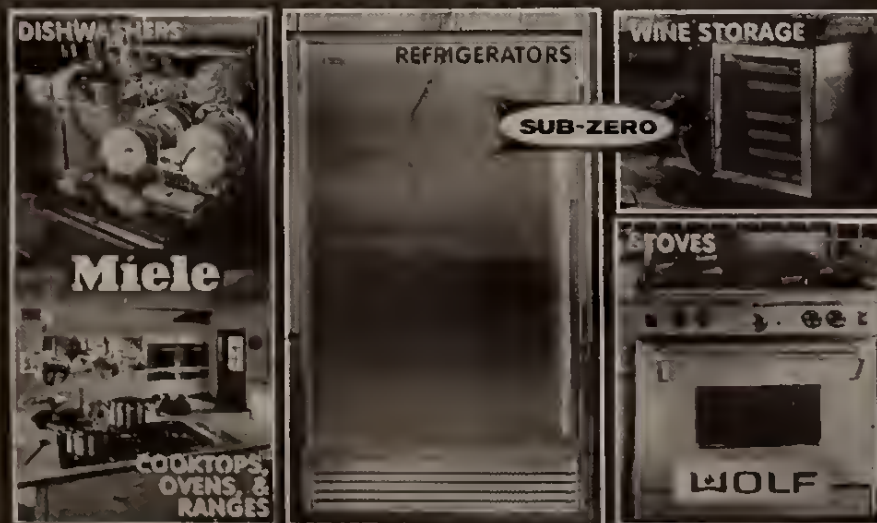
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Township Hopes Brush, Leaf and Log Standards Keep Debris Off Streets

A proposal that had been touted as a means of complying with the new mandates dictated by the state's Clean Water Act turned into law Monday night when Township Committee passed an ordinance that will require residents to change the way excess leaves, branches, and logs are put out for collection.

Stemming from an August presentation by the Township Department of Public Works when it was suggested that there be sweeping changes to the municipal brush collection program, the new law requires a more stringent enforcement of keeping roads free of debris.

"We've received many complaints from motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the like that we had too much debris in the road," said James Pascaie, Township administrator.

Residents will begin to be informed by mail starting this week as to changes in the program, according to Donald Hansen, superintendent of public works. The brush/log collection will begin in April and run through October. Pick-up will be separated by Township quadrants. A calendar outlining pick-up schedules will appear shortly on the Township website at www.princetontwp.org.

In Mr. Hansen's August presentation, he worried that the volume and largely unregulated amount of brush left curbside has quickly become a burden for public works as crews played catch-up to keep storm inlets clear. Additionally, throughout the summer, when the Township does most of its road construction, Mr. Hansen said the combination of the "constant" brush that needs to be picked up has actually slowed the progress of several road-paving projects.

"Our streets never, ever, looked clean," Mr. Hansen said, "and it kept on getting worse, and our streets suffered."

Under the new program, branches are to be placed in bundles or piles no greater than three feet in length, width and height. Branches are to be cut to be no longer than three feet in length and no larger than four inches in diameter. Also, bundles or piles cannot be placed more than three feet from the curb and cannot be left out more than three days before scheduled pick-up, according to the program.

Log pickup will occur in the spring and fall and logs can be no larger than three feet in length and six inches in diameter, with a maximum of three bundles or piles of logs per property for each scheduled pickup. Those piles, like brush, cannot be placed more than three feet into the road or put out more than three days prior to pickup.

The Township will continue with its voluntary bagged leaf program, which will once again resume in October.

Contracted landscapers working in the Township will now have to pay a \$10 registration fee that essentially acts as an acknowledgement of the Township's standards.

While Committee seemed encouraged by the new standards, Philip Drive resident Mary Blair had her doubts, calling the program "unenforceable."

"I hope we revisit this next year," she said.

— Matthew Hersh

Institute Marks 75 Years With Five Math Lectures

The Institute for Advanced Study's School of Mathematics will celebrate the Institute's 75th anniversary with a series of public lectures at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at Wolfensohn Hall. The lectures will be on mathematical topics of interest to a general audience.

The program features some of the world's foremost mathematicians: Sir Michael Atiyah of the University of Edinburgh; Raoul Bott of Harvard; Weinan E. of Princeton; Friedrich Hirzebruch of Bonn University; and Peter Ozsváth of Columbia University and the University of California, Berkeley.

A reception will follow the lectures at 4:30 p.m. The Institute is located on Einstein Drive in Princeton. For further information, call Christine Ferrara at (609) 734-8239 or cferrara@ias.edu.

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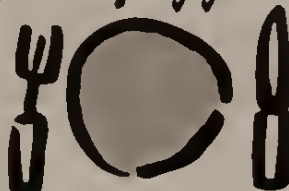
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Health Care Task Force Recommendations Seen As Inimical to Community Interests

To the Editor:

Last year, the Mayors of Princeton Township and Borough created a Princeton Health Care Task Force composed of themselves and other municipal officials to review the Medical Center's strategic plan and to "involve the community in decisions" about zoning and other changes that might best respond to that plan. In late January, the Medical Center trustees announced their decision to pursue relocation to a site, not yet identified, within five miles of Princeton. Among other factors, the decision reflects the reality that 84 percent of the hospital's patients do not live in Princeton. Soon thereafter, the Task Force issued a report which uncritically accepted the Medical Center's assessment of its expansion needs, even though the Task Force's independent consultant, Dr. Alan Sager, was unable to say that the plan was "sound" and believed that the hospital had not "made a compelling case" that extensive additions and rebuilding will bolster its competitive position. The report then proceeds to recommend a remarkable array of land use adjustments to accommodate the hospital whether it stays or leaves.

We are mystified by the report. The short term land use recommendations are in tension with the views of the independent consultant. The Task Force urges an expedited approval for 35,000 square feet of new on-site construction for current needs. Yet, Dr. Sager observed that "if relocation is inevitable," incremental spending would be "wasted" beyond the amount needed for safe and effective care. As for detail on the location and the purpose for the new construction, the report supplies none.

Perhaps the most perplexing recommendation, made over the dissents of three of its members, is one that calls for immediate preparation of master plan and zoning changes "just in case" the hospital cannot perfect its plans to relocate. Although the Task Force states that it cannot recommend "significant expansion into surrounding areas," the changes it endorses would permit precisely that. Its recommended zoning revisions would facilitate hospital expansion to the south, north, and east under plans that would close the Witherspoon side of Franklin Avenue, replace the affordable housing there with an expanded "J" wing, and eliminate the dwellings on the north side of Witherspoon Lane, replacing them with an access road and new laboratory and office space. In this picture are also two new garages — a six-level garage for the Franklin parking lot and a multi-level garage on the Packet lot on Henry Avenue.

The Medical Center, to its credit, acknowledged to the Task Force that its in-town expansion plans would be "problematic" to its residential neighbors. Its decision to look for a larger site is a further and welcome recognition that a hospital which wishes to outgrow its community of origin should not do so simply by growing over that community. The appropriate response to that decision is not to reverse thirty years of land use policy which has protected residential neighborhoods at the heart of the Princeton public school system.

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To the Editor:

Recently, the Princeton Health Care Task Force issued a report recommending changes to the zoning of the area around the hospital to allow for expansion, should the hospital determine that they can not complete their relocation plans.

The report states that there is an "immediate need for renovations and minor additions that will require an additional 35,000 square feet of new construction." If the hospital does not relocate, the Task Force endorses zoning changes that will allow a doubling of the existing hospital square footage, from roughly 500,000 to 1,000,000 square feet. This would entail displacement of the 20 units of affordable housing on Franklin Avenue, and the elimination of 11 homes on Harris Road, an office building on Witherspoon Street, and the recently renovated town homes on Witherspoon Lane. It would also include building a structured parking facility on Franklin Avenue. The plan would exchange several acres of tax paying commercial and residential properties for tax-exempt hospital use. The report does not address the parking, traffic, and other impacts on the surrounding community, or the question of where to build the 70 units of affordable housing that would be required by COAH due to this expansion.

The task force's own hired expert, Professor Alan Sager, notes in his report that the hospital has "not yet made a compelling case that extensive additions, rebuilding, or relocation — or major programmatic changes — will bolster the hospital's competitive position in the years ahead." Further, he states that the University Medical Center at Princeton has not "shown that these changes are essential to address unmet clinical needs in its service area."

Prof. Sager's findings beg the question: On what did the Task Force base its recommendations? Are these recommendations in the best interest of the community or of the hospital? By threatening to relocate and proposing to double its size, the hospital has made a 35,000 square foot expansion on an already overbuilt site seem like a reasonable compromise, but it is still too much for the neighborhood and should not be allowed.

DAVID SCHRAYER
Spruce Street

To the Editor:

Two factors, among many, influenced Princeton Hospital's January decision to relocate: 84 percent of its patients reside outside Princeton, mostly from beyond Route 1. And other potential patients from that rapidly developing area prefer hospitals in New Brunswick or Trenton-Hamilton because it's quicker to drive there rather than into Princeton with its frequent student crossings on Washington Road and Alexander Street, and its congested business section traffic.

If instead of relocating the Hospital were to expand on its present site and even spill over onto Franklin and Henry Avenues, traffic concerns would be monumental.

Nevertheless, despite its decision to relocate, such expansion is exactly what Princeton Health Care Task Force (HCTF), a body created by the mayors of the Borough and Township, recommended. First, the Task Force advised zoning changes enabling the Hospital to add "35,000 square feet of new construction" on its present site. Where and how many stories would be involved, the Task Force did not say.

The recommendation disregards the opinion of Professor Alan Sager of the Boston University School of Health, whose expert opinion Princeton Borough and Township had solicited: "If relocation is inevitable, incremental and ad hoc spending (beyond the minimum needed to sustain safe and effective care until a new hospital is built) would be largely wasted."

The Task Force also advised expanding the Hospital zoning areas to include property the Hospital already owns: the Henry Avenue garage, the Franklin Avenue parking lot, and its Harris Road houses; and beyond, the Princeton Packet parking area, low-income rental housing units on Franklin, the office building on Witherspoon Street at Witherspoon

Lane, and townhouses and apartments on Witherspoon Lane. The Task Force also contemplates the Borough's eventual vacating of Franklin between Harris Road and Witherspoon Street.

No mention is made of traffic: How many more cars and trucks will an expanding hospital engender? Nor is there any mention of the impact partially vacating Franklin would have on high school students who walk from their homes west of Witherspoon Street en route to the High School. Or on the younger children who use Henry Avenue on the way to Community Park School. Surely, the concerns of their many parents should have merited consideration.

Finally, there's no mention of the effect on the quality of life that this construction and expansion will have on the John Street neighborhood to the west and on the Camahan-Harris-Henry-Jefferson-Moore Street neighborhoods to the east.

Let us hope that the Hospital abides by its decision to relocate, despite the recommendations of the Princeton Health Care Task Force which appear to be an open solicitation to it to reconsider.

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Arts Council Salutes All Participants In Black History Month Commemoration

To the Editor:

During the month of February, organizations and institutions throughout Princeton choose from countless ways to celebrate the vast contributions that African-Americans have made to our community. At the Arts Council of Princeton, it made sense to commemorate Black History Month through the arts, with an exceptional program abounding in African and African-American cultural traditions.

We were delighted to welcome, first, Trenton-based African drummer, dancer, and storyteller Mwt Shekemet, who engaged audience members with musical call and response, African stories of morality in the vein of Br'er Rabbit, and a stunning drumming and dancing performance that prompted audience members to join her onstage. We also presented a portrait in video of celebrated tap dancer Howard "Sandman" Sims, courtesy of his son and daughter-in-law and the Sandman Sims Feet First Foundation. Finally, Princeton film scholar and archivist Bruce Lawton screened rarely seen black and white narrative short films of the 1930s starring Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, and others singing and dancing up a storm.

We have many to thank, particularly the performers and artists who were kind enough to share their artistic gifts; the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust, the organizations that helped fund this program; members of our Neighborhood Advisory Committee for their planning advice and help in spreading word of the event; and the individuals from our neighborhood and the greater Princeton area who attended. To everyone who was involved in this and other joyous celebrations of Black History Month, you are both recognized and appreciated.

RANDI LUND
Events Coordinator
Arts Council of Princeton

Hospital Relocation Was Not Endorsed By Princeton Health Care Task Force

To the Editor:

Contrary to your front page article "Task Force Endorses PHCS Relocation" (Town Topics, February 16), the Princeton Health Care Task Force did not endorse the relocation of the Medical Center. This statement is not substantiated by the Task Force's final report. While some members of the Task Force may at various times have expressed their own opinions in support of a possible relocation, the Task Force as a whole did not. Indeed, the Task Force's recommendations, if implemented and acted upon, offer the Medical Center a realistic scenario for continued expansion on the site.

The Medical Center has chosen to move for reasons of its own. If the move proves impractical, the Task Force believes it has created the conditions that allow the Medical Center to stay and expand, in ways that would improve, not detract from, the surrounding neighborhood.

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The principal litigants argued that the withdrawal of the off-site parking was used as a loophole to avoid the foundation of the lawsuit, but the court dismissed that claim. "The court rejects the position that the amendment to the final site plan is a ploy to limit notice and avoid the parking needs of the proposed jazz club," the decision read. "The revision to the site plan made no difference: If parking was to be included in the site plan, we would have given notice, and if it weren't, we wouldn't give notice," said Robert Casey, zoning board attorney. "That's the beginning and the end of it." With no offsite parking, Astons will feature an all-valet parking system during dinner hours. Parking would be provided for a maximum of 165 patrons and valets could stack cars in, rather than accommodate each car with an individual space.

Calls and e-mails to Duffield Place resident David Goodman, a principal in the suit, were not returned. Mr. Goodman and his wife were one of nine litigant families. With the suit apparently out of the way, the zoning board is now faced with a final review of the application on March 14.

The minimum lot size of that zoning district, S-2, is 32,670 square feet. Astons' proposed lot size, a combination of three lots to be consolidated, is just under 25,000 square feet. Mr. Distler is expected to request another variance that would allow him to place a 10-foot-tall sound shield around the periphery of the parking lot in the rear. The S-2 zoning currently allows for six-foot fencing.

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The first seminar will take place on Saturday, March 19, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The second seminar will be offered on Saturday, June 25, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., both seminars will be presented in the hospital's auditorium.

Light refreshments will be served, seating is limited, and registration is required by calling (732) 418-8110. For information on additional programs and services offered by The Thoracic Center of New Jersey at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, visit www.rwjuh.edu/thoracic/.

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Princeton Girlchoir Founder Janet Westrick Has Spent Career in Music and Teaching

Janet Westrick loves what she does. She gets up in the morning knowing that she can bring the gift of music to her students — and perhaps that day — make a difference in their lives.

As chair of the Music and Performing Arts Department at Princeton Day School and founder and artistic director of the Princeton Girlchoir, Ms. Westrick has dedicated her adult life to instilling and furthering the love of music in her students.

Tonight, she will be honored by the YWCA Princeton for her achievements. She is one of 14 women from area businesses, organizations, and educational institutions, who will receive the Y's "Tribute to Women" award.

Established nationally by the YWCA to honor women who have made significant contributions to their professions and community in executive, entrepreneurial, professional, educational, and elected roles, the awards are given annually.

Candidates are nominated by managers, colleagues, and peers in the workplace and community. All "Tribute to Women" 2005 honorees were judged on criteria that took into account academic achievement, professional responsibility, community service, demonstrated leadership, mentoring of others, ability to communicate ideas, and special projects or accomplishments.

"I was surprised and honored when I learned of the award," says Ms. Westrick. "I believe it is an affirmation of the work I have done at PDS and with the Girlchoir. The Y's motto is to empower women and eliminate racism. Empowering women is so relevant to the Girlchoir. It's a recognition of how important the Choir is for the girls and what they can accomplish."

Long before the Princeton Girlchoir was even a glimpse on the horizon, however, Ms. Westrick was beginning her love affair with music.

Born in Hamilton, Ohio to Joe and Anna Belle Westrick, she became enthralled with the piano as a young girl.

Major Interest

"I had a cousin my age who was a whiz at the piano, and I wanted to play," recalls Ms. Westrick. "My family didn't have a lot of money, so it wasn't easy. But we got a piano, and when I was nine or 10, I started lessons. I liked it and learned fast. I was a fairly shy person, and I accompanied a lot. That way, I didn't have to be up on stage!"

Music was her major interest, but Janet enjoyed many other aspects of growing up in southern Ohio, near Cincinnati, in the late 1940s and '50s. A good student, she liked school, particularly studying English, history, art, and music.

"I loved to read," she adds, "especially the classics like *Little Women* and mysteries, including the Nancy Drew series. We enjoyed the movies too, and went to a lot of Saturday matinees. I remember I saw *Gone With the Wind* six times, and cried each time!"

"Also, I am old enough that I grew up playing outside in the neighborhood after school and on weekends. There were lots of other kids to do things with. I was also in Girl Scouts and involved in my church,

singing in the choir."

One of her happiest memories is of a family trip, including younger brother Jim, to the west coast. "One summer when I was 10, we drove to California to see relatives. It was wonderful. We saw the Pacific Ocean and were near San Diego. I remember thinking it was gorgeous."

Ms. Westrick also has special memories of her maternal grandmother, Lulu Monroe, who was so important in Janet's life.

Happy Experience

"My grandmother lived with us," she recalls, "and I admired her so much. She did not have an easy life, yet she was so strong and cheerful and sturdy in the face of hard times. She was a very good influence on my growing up."

While in high school, Janet worked part-time playing piano for a tap dance school — a very happy experience — and also studied piano at Miami University.

"Louise Erickson was a piano teacher there, and she raised the bar for me as to expectations. I worked very hard, learned new techniques, and eliminated mistakes."

In 1956, Janet received a scholarship to attend Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

"It had a conservatory, and I really wanted to be in music," she points out. "I focused on music education, with a major in piano and a minor in voice. I also continued to sing in the church choir, and in the University choir, just as I had done all through school."

"In college, I began to realize that playing the piano was solitary," continues Ms. Westrick. "I was social — having gotten over my earlier shyness — and choral singing was a group activity. I loved choral groups, and Ellis Snyder, director of the choral groups at Capital, was outstanding. He had such faith in his singers, and because of that, we were free to take risks."

With Honors

After graduating with honors in 1960, Janet married a fellow student at Capital, Tom Oesterling. At the same time, she got a job teaching music in an elementary school in White Hall, Ohio.

"It was the time of the Baby Boomers," she notes, "and there were 900 kids in the school. Awesome! When I think now of how I could juggle that schedule — but I was young and naive! And I found I really liked teaching."

She gave it up for several years, however, when her own children, Tom, Jr., Jennifer, and Daniel, were born.

When her husband completed his Ph.D., the family relocated to Kalamazoo, Mich., where they lived for 10 years. In 1976, they moved again, this time to Princeton.

"Tom had a job at Johnson & Johnson," says Ms. Westrick, "and I liked Princeton



MAGICAL MUSIC: "I still consider myself a pianist who directs a chorus. I love the piano and choral groups, and I am delighted to have spent my career in music and teaching." Janet Westrick is chair of the Music and Performing Arts Department at Princeton Day School and founder and artistic director of the Princeton Girlchoir.

right away. I had spent my whole life in the midwest, but I felt an immediate kinship with Princeton."

When her oldest son entered Princeton High School, Ms. Westrick ventured out into the work force again. She began substitute teaching and also served as choir director at Messiah Lutheran Church in Princeton and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Princeton Junction.

"In 1983, I started at PDS," she recalls. "I began as a music teacher in the Lower School (Kindergarten through fourth grade), and then eight years ago, I became choir director for the Middle School. More recently, five or six years ago, I was named Chair of the Music and Performing Arts Department."

Teaching has been a joy for Ms. Westrick, and she savors the opportunity to interact with the students on a day-to-day basis.

Hands-on

"I think that the hands-on experience of opening up the world of music to children and giving them these opportunities, and really to light a fire under them is wonderful. Over the years, some have gone into music as a vocation. But it doesn't matter what they do, or if it becomes a career. The important thing is providing them with those moments of enjoyment, excitement and camaraderie that occur when they make music together."

Ms. Westrick has taught all ages, from kindergarten through eighth grade, as well as some Upper School students. "I really like seventh and eighth graders," she reports. "I think there's a kind of brashness and a kind of healthy energy they have that you can channel into very positive things."

Ms. Westrick's PDS colleague, Deb Sugarman, Middle School drama teacher and Princeton resident, is a great admirer of Ms.

Westrick's teaching abilities.

"To work with Jan is more than a pleasure. It is an inspiration and a joy. Her energy and passion for her craft are boundless!"

"I met Jan four years ago when I applied for the position at PDS, and we clicked immediately. I consider myself very, very lucky to be one of the many people who have come into the sphere of Jan Westrick."

Others who have come under Ms. Westrick's sphere of influence are the members of The Princeton Girlchoir. Begun in 1989, it was the result of Ms. Westrick's desire to extend musical opportunities to as many young girls as possible.

As she explains, "It was really just a little idea I had. I had gone to Boychoir concerts, and I thought I had girls who could sound just as good. So I put an ad in the paper in the fall of 1989 for girls fifth through eighth grade at any school in the area."

Little Idea

"The idea was for the girls to get together, sing, and give performances. We had auditions because we needed a level of skill and talent. There was a response right away, and after auditions, 30 girls were selected. In the beginning, my base was drawn from PDS, John Witherspoon, and Stuart. We rehearsed two hours once a week. I was very pleased and encouraged, and we had a performance that year in December and another the next spring."

Ms. Westrick's "little idea" has become a fixture on the Princeton musical scene. Expanding to 200 girls, now third grade through high school, it draws choristers from 25 different area schools, including Princeton, Hopewell, Lawrenceville, and Yardley, Pa.

In addition to the main Concert Choir, the Grace Notes and Semi-Tones (preparatory choirs), PGC Ensemble, and most recently, the Alumnae Cantores (high school) are a part of the performing group.

There is now a full-time executive director and a board, but the choir's mission remains the same: "to provide excellence in choral education and performance opportunities, while inspiring confidence, character, and a lifelong love of making music together."

Two Princeton performances are still scheduled each year, but in addition, the PCG has cut a wide swath elsewhere. Performances overseas, as well as in Hawaii and other U.S. locations, are now part of the itinerary. The choir has performed in Canada, France, Italy, and Spain. This summer, the girls will travel to Germany and the Czech Republic.

They have been seen on television, including NBC's "Weekend Today Show," and at such respected musical venues as Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center. A joint performance with the Newark Boys Chorus is

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Janet Westrick

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scheduled for March 13 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Outstanding Addition

They have also performed with their neighbor, the American Boychoir, as well as with the Youth Orchestra of Central New Jersey and Les Petits Chanteurs de St. Andre de Colmar of France.

Ms. Westrick is justifiably proud of this outstanding addition to music in Princeton and beyond. As she says, "This is like my child, my baby. I am very proud of it. The quality has gotten better and better, and I've had a chance to raise the bar.

"It is very humbling to think that this idea will continue to be passed on. It is almost as if it were meant to be, and I was the vehicle through which it happened."

Debbie Modzelewski, Ms. Westrick's friend of 13 years, and treasurer of the Girlchoir, is struck by the diversity of Janet Westrick's skills, not only as founder of the Choir, but in the way she has guided it to its current level of musical accomplishment.

In her comments nominating Ms. Westrick for the YWCA "Tribute To Women" award, Ms. Modzelewski noted: "What Jan has made possible through the Girlchoir is for girls from a wide range of social, economic, geographic and ethnic backgrounds to forge strong bonds of friendship with other girls, sisters in song, whom they would never have met otherwise; to learn to work together musically

and socially, willingly surrendering their individual voices in pursuit of a smooth, blended sound.

"To inspire each other to rise to Jan's high musical and behavioral standards; and to revel together in the joys of achieving a common goal. One only has to experience the music these girls produce to understand the empowerment that music in general and the Princeton Girlchoir in specific, has brought to them individually and as a group.

"In working with her at PDS and through the Girlchoir, I have developed both a deep respect and affection for Jan as a teacher, an artist, an administrator, and a person."

Musical Activities

Ms. Westrick's musical activities have also extended to singing with Princeton Pro Musica for 12 years, volunteering for committee and conference work for the American Choral Directors Association, of which she is a life member, and presenting workshops at Westminster Choir College and the American Boychoir National Conference in 2002 and 2003.

She has also done graduate work at Western Michigan University and at Westminster Choir College.

Her peers recognize Ms. Westrick as a specialist in drawing out the very best from children's voices, and in 1997, she was the recipient of the Women of Distinction Award for the World of the Arts, presented by the Delaware-Raritan Valley Girl Scout Council.

If music has been the focus

of Ms. Westrick's professional and cultural life, the church has been at the center of her spiritual experience. A member of the Lutheran Church from her early childhood, she looks to it as a source of strength and renewal.

"Religion is very important to me. It has been a lifelong emphasis," she explains. "I don't wear it on my sleeve, but it drives me. I do feel led to do things. I can't always explain why something is the right thing to do. When I look back, I feel quite blessed that I have been led in this way."

Church Setting

Religion has continued to play an important part in her personal life as well. After a divorce from her first husband, Ms. Westrick remarried in 1990 to the Reverend Fred Schott, pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kendall Park.

"I am so blessed to have this man in my life," she says. "We happened upon each other in a church setting. I had been expecting to live out my years as a single person, and then he came along.

"He is just a wonderful guy. And he's a wonderful pastor and a beautiful thinker. I get a lot out of just stepping away and listening to him as a pastor. I am truly blessed to live out my life with him."

Next June, Ms. Westrick will be ready for a few changes in her life when she steps down from her responsibilities at PDS. She will, however, continue as director of the Princeton Girlchoir.

She is looking forward to this new turn of events and to the advent of additional free hours in the day. The opportunity to travel, enjoy the pleasures of Princeton, as well as a bit more time to tackle her cherished crossword puzzles is very appealing.

"I do The New York Times, but only through Thursday," she says, with a smile. (The Times' puzzles become notoriously more difficult toward the end of the week, with Saturday's a daunting challenge.)

Mini-Sabbatical

"I'm not going to add anything to my schedule for a year," she reports. "It's like taking a mini-sabbatical. I think I will study a language, perhaps Italian — I love Florence so much — and get into New York more.

"I also love to travel, and with two of my kids in the southwest, I will plan to get there more often. Last summer, both my daughter and my husband's daughter had babies, and now I'll have more time to visit them. I am so proud of all my children.

"Also, my husband is from the south, and we go to Charleston and Savannah, as well as abroad to England, France, Spain, and Italy. Of course, this summer, I will look forward to traveling to Germany and Prague with the Girlchoir."

Spending time in Princeton has its own allure, she notes. "I love the setting, the proximity to New York and Philadelphia, and it is just such a great place. We enjoy the events at McCarter, the University, and Westminster.

"When we first came to Princeton in 1976, there were just a handful of good restaurants. It feels like so

much more now — more restaurants, places to shop, and I really like the new library. Now, I look forward to having more time to use it!"

One change she would like to see, however, is consolidation of the two Princetons. "It makes sense to me. After all,

it is one community."

And it is a community she anticipates remaining in for a long time to come. As she says, "It's the people, really. I love the people — all my friends, those I've worked with, and the parent body at the school and the Girlchoir.

They are all so special."

The feeling is mutual.

—Jean Stratton

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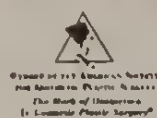
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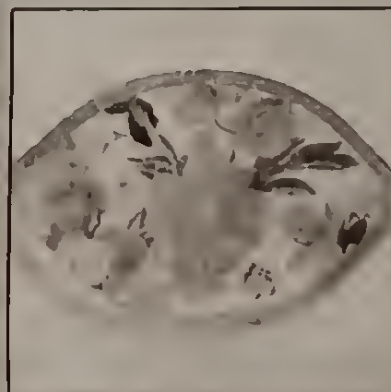
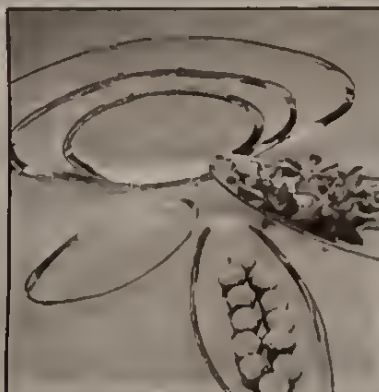
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Princeton Native Writes On the Colors of Princeton

Growing up in Princeton is a semi-autobiographical story about a young woman named Emma who is trying to deal with the issues that confront her as the daughter of a biracial couple. After her brother, Bernie, whom she looks to as her only ally, has a horrific accident which leaves him in a coma, Emma is alone in the world to find herself and her identity.

That's why Emily Raboteau, former Princeton resident and current creative writing teacher at the City College of New York, found her voice by writing *The Professor's Daughter*, which she will read from, and answer questions about, at the U-Store on Thursday, March 10.

The Professor's Daughter

earning her bachelor's degree in English at Yale University. However, when the author was asked how long it took to write the story, she answered, "I'd say it's been in the making my whole life."

After the story won the Chicago Tribune's Nelson Algren Award and was published in both *Callaloo* and *African Voices*, Ms. Raboteau was encouraged to turn it into a book, but because it hit too close to home, she avoided the subject while in graduate school at New York University.

The book started as a short story, "Bernie and Me," which Ms. Raboteau wrote while

residing at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, where she did all of her writing inside a dairy barn that had been converted into a studio. The atmosphere inspired her to write a short story on Bernard Jr., Emma's father, which she called, "Bernard Jr.'s Uncle Luscious." She wrote the story over three days, without taking a break even to sleep.

Later those two short stories became the first two chapters of her book, *The Professor's Daughter*. While unsure of how the book would turn out or what ideas it would convey when she began writing, Ms. Raboteau said that the most important thing she learned from writing it is who she is.

Ms. Raboteau found that writing an entire book didn't come to her nearly as easily as writing short stories. After unsuccessfully trying to discipline herself to write a certain number of pages per day, she enrolled in another writing residency at the Sacatar Foundation in Bahia, Brazil, where she was able to finally finish the book and get it published.

Issues I was grappling with, issues of identity and faith, were resolved through the painful act of writing. In a way, writing this book helped me grow up. I am not the same person I was when I began," she said.

Finding Similarities
There are many similarities between the book and Ms. Raboteau's own life, such as the name of the main character, and that she has a brother whom she adores. The book also takes place here in Princeton, where the author grew up. First moving here as a young child, Ms. Raboteau attended Community Park Elementary School, and graduated from Princeton High School. Her siblings also grew up in Princeton; her brother Albert, once a reporter for *The Times*, and her brother Martin is a freshman at Princeton University.

Ms. Raboteau's father, Albert J. Raboteau II, to whom the book is dedicated, is the Henry W. Putnam Professor of Religion at Princeton University. The character of Bernard is loosely based on her father, said the author, and as in the book, her grandfather was killed while her father was still in utero.

The *Professor's Daughter* also touches on issues related directly to Princeton, such as the Township's annual attempt to cull the deer population, as described in the chapter, "White Buffalo Woman." Ms. Raboteau marks the irony of hiring a deer cull

company called White Buffalo, as the Sioux Indians have a sacred relationship with buffalo, and would only kill the animal if they were to then find a use for every part of its body, whereas the cull company kills the deer because they are viewed as pests.

But while every memory of Princeton is not a pleasant one for Ms. Raboteau, she still looks on the town fondly.

"I think, like most people, I really wanted to get out of the place I grew up in ... but it was also a blessing to grow up in this town," she said. "It's made me who I am and I'm grateful for that."

However, the book is not a novel or a memoir about the author's young adult life in Princeton, but an outlet to express the emotions that she has felt at different times while growing into an adult.

"I took certain situations or emotional states I'd experienced, such as loneliness, and dramatized them, sometimes to soap operatic proportions," said the author. "The truth of the book lies in its emotion, not in its facts.... Reality was the point of departure for making huge imaginative leaps."

Ultimately, the book is a father/daughter story which takes the reader back to a time when racism was still prevalent.

"I had to be very conscious about not portraying Bernard as a victim, although he was victimized by racism in terrible ways," said Ms. Raboteau.

But for the author, the book helps her answer the question she has heard from her peers throughout her life as a biracial woman: "What are you?"

"I wrote this book to both undermine that question and to answer it," said the author. "I can't be pigeonholed. There is no word for me. I'm a child of God. I'm my history. I'm brand new. That's true of every human being on this planet. That's what I want people to take away from my book."

Emily Raboteau will speak on her book, *The Professor's Daughter*, on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m., in the third-floor events area at the U-Store.

—Candace Braun

Australian Professor To Lecture at Seminary

"Muslim-Christian Polemic from the Crusades: A Muslim Theologian's Response to Christianity" will be the title of a lecture by Professor

Rifaat Ebied at Princeton Theological Seminary on March 21 at 7 p.m. Hosted by the History Department at the Seminary, the lecture, in the Seminary's Mackay Campus Center, will feature a Muslim-Christian interchange from the 14th century.

Prof. Ebied is the Foundation Professor of Semitic Studies at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia, and currently a member-in-residence at the Center of Theological Inquiry. He will present his work on the emergence of Muslim interfaith attitudes in the 14th century. When the Christian people of Cyprus wrote a letter suggesting that the Qur'an supported Christian views, the Muslim scholar Ibn Abi Talib al-Dimashqi responded with arguments that formed the basis for later Muslim views of other religions.

"To date, we still possess only a partial knowledge of how Christians and Muslims in this period encountered and perceived each other," said Prof. Ebied. "Similarly, we have little understanding of what actually happened between these groups and particularly the manner of arguments employed by either side in their altercations and arguments with one another."

The lecture is free and open to the public. Originally scheduled for February 28, the lecture was postponed because of inclement weather.

For more information, call Prof. Kathleen McVey at (609) 97-7996. For a map and directions, visit www.ptsem.edu/look/maps/campusmaps.htm.

Coalition for Peace Action Plans Anniversary Dinner

Nonproliferation expert Joseph Cirincione will keynote the Coalition for Peace Action's 25th Anniversary Membership Dinner and Gathering on Friday, April 1, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton.

Former Governor and Congressman Jim Florio will also be honored for his leadership in passing the nation's first and strongest Assault Weapons Ban.

Mr. Cirincione is a senior associate and director for non-proliferation at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C. His latest book is *Deadly Arsenal: The Threat from Nuclear, Biologic and Chemical Weapons*.

Other area volunteers who will be honored for their leadership for peace include Hendy D. Silva, Mildred McHugh, Sue Niederer, Enid Sterling, Thomas Vimalassary, and Elisabeth Wolfe.

The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost of the dinner (choice of vegetarian, salmon, or chicken) is \$50 per person, \$25 for limited income. Suggested donation for program only is \$15 per person.

March 23 is the deadline for reservations, which can be made online at www.peacecoalition.org or by calling (609) 924-5022 weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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LEGAL FORUM

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This is the first of a two part article devoted to current legal reforms. Part two will address caps on medical malpractice law suits.

Take yourself to the Landlord Tenant Court in Trenton and you will find at least three things. First, the presiding judge is snail, experienced and very fair. Second, there are many, many poor people caught up in the justice system. These are not thieves, murderers and the like. These are people trying to keep a roof over their heads and the heads of their children. Third, in the judicial system, the people with the money always win in the long run and the poor people always lose in the short and long run. The only recourse for people with less power and wealth are education and political action.

As American citizens, you have to be aware of what is happening or suffer the consequences of burying your head in the sand. There are important trends afoot in this country, trends that parallel, over and over, the foregoing landlord tenant scenario.

Our bankruptcy laws are about to be changed so that many of those who qualify for the "fresh financial start" anticipated in the US Constitution will be unable to discharge all of their debts. This issue has been defined by the major supporters of the change, the banks and credit card companies, the ones who will issue a pre-approved line of credit to you and then will harass you if a payment, including an exorbitant interest charge, is not made on time. This issue has not been defined by advocates of young college students who get roped into reckless use of credit cards or of soldiers who are called up to serve in foreign lands or of those unfortunate who are sent to the poor house by catastrophic, uninsured medical bills. Too bad. The credit card companies whose profits grew from \$6.4 billion in 1990 to \$30.2 billion in 2004 do not need this added governmental protection but they want it and they will get it.

When XYZ Corporation goes belly up, who suffers? The employees, the retirees, the shareholders and the creditors suffer. CEOs, CFOs, and board members, who are paid millions when profits are high and even when profits aren't so high, are not legally required by law to carry the corporate debt remaining after the bankruptcy into their personal lives. Is the government working on legislation to correct this? No, the government is working on legislation to tighten up regulations on individuals who file Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

In the Senatorial debate over this bill, an amendment was offered to carve out an exception for our soldiers in action, e.g., in Iraq, who, for one reason or other, fall into financial problems. The amendment was defeated despite testimony describing the very negligible effect military bankruptcies have on

overall bankruptcies in this country. Another proposed amendment was to exempt those who are victimized by some criminal organization, often outside of the USA, that ran up debts in their names, so-called identity theft. The amendment was defeated. Another amendment was to exempt patients who are driven into bankruptcy because of medical bills they cannot pay. The vote: you can guess. One amendment that did pass permitted wealthy persons to use asset protecting trusts to keep substantial assets out of the reach of creditors.

In the film *Home for the Holidays*, Holly Hunter expressed frustration with and alienation from her family with the memorable phrase, "Who are these people?" One might react in a similar way to our representatives.

The administration in Washington was successful last month in removing class action lawsuits from state courts and relocating them in federal courts where class action law suits are much more difficult to bring. The issue was defined by the large corporations who hated these pesky class action law suits. The issue was framed in terms protecting American corporations from lawyers who reap huge windfalls and hapless victims who are given coupons to redress their injuries. The issue was not framed in terms of the need to provide a level legal playing field where the guy who carries a lunch pail can join with other guys who carry lunch pails to redress injuries caused by gigantic multinational corporations (for example, tobacco companies).

Every day that the US Senate and House are in session, C-SPAN broadcasts (and rebroadcasts later), without editorial comment, the proceedings. An educated and politically active populace must be aware of what our legislators are doing right now. An educated and politically active populace must inform their representatives of their sentiments. Otherwise, you wake up one day without the freedoms you are accustomed to and ask, "How did this happen?"

The next focus for the administration in Washington will be so-called tort reform where the aim is to place a cap on the pain and suffering involved in medical malpractice law suits. Guess who is going to benefit? This will be the topic of the next article.



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BOOKS

Author to Speak On N.Y. Times Scandal

Author Seth Mnookin will read from and discuss his book, *Hard News: The Scandals at The New York Times and Their Meaning for American Media*, on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Princeton Public Library.

Best known as a media writer for Newsweek, Mr. Mnookin also covered politics and popular culture. He began his career as a rock critic for *Addicted to Noise*, a now-defunct Webzine. He has also worked as a crime reporter for *The Palm Beach Post*, a city hall reporter for the *Forward*, and a political reporter for *Brill's Content*. He recently was named contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*.

His writings have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Slate*, and *Spin*. In 2004, he was a Joan Shorenstein Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

In *Hard News*, Mr. Mnookin explores the causes and effects of the reporting scandals that rocked *The New York Times*. His detailed account sheds light on fraudulent reporter Jayson Blair, former executive editor Howell Raines, and current owner Arthur Sulzberger Jr. *Hard News* was selected as a best book of 2004 by the *Washington Post*.

After the reading, Mr. Mnookin will take questions from the audience and sign copies of his book, which will be for sale. His appearance at the library is part of the Caroline Llewellyn Champlin Writers Talking Series. Princeton resident and poet Paula Bramsen Cullen will appear on Wednesday, March 30, and the Cool Women poets will appear on Sunday, April 10.

For more information on library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

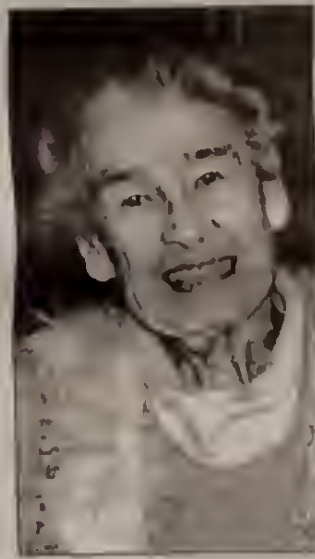
U-Store to Hold Publication Party

U. S. 1 Poets' Cooperative will launch *U. S. 1 Worksheets*, Volume 50, at the Princeton U-Store on Sunday, March 13. The poetry readings and reception will begin at 2 p.m.

The 2005 publication is dedicated to 94-year-old U.S. 1 poet Virginia Lockwood, who has welcomed and sustained countless fellow poets over the years.

Poets featured within the book include, but are not limited to, U.S. 1 members. Submissions come in from all over the nation, challenging and delighting the publication's volunteer editors. America's longest-running poets' cooperative, U.S. 1 Poets was named for the highway that separates and links its far-flung members. Members meet each Tuesday, in each other's homes. Gatherings result in steady enhancement of individual poems, as well as of the "inner critic." In this forum, poets sustain one another in identity and craft.

Writers arrive from Bernardsville, Sergeantsville, Cherry Hill, and Cranford, and work intensively, from 8 p.m. until close, cutting excess, attending to enjambment, checking puns, and inadvertent repetitions. Certain members, Virginia Lockwood foremost, welcome U.S. 1 Poets on the same Tuesday of every month, sustaining poets in body, spirit and muse.



Virginia Lockwood

This unique cooperative began in 1973, modeled upon a similar organization in Berkeley, Ca. When asked why she helped to bring the group into being, founding member and Princeton poet, Alicia Ostriker, writes, "Poetry comes out of a kind of loneliness. Having a group of kindred spirits with whom to share the intense life of poetry

is a godsend. What is especially wonderful is that U.S. 1 is not a closed group. It's open to anyone in the community. So it provides both reliability and surprise."

With the Arts Council of Princeton and the Princeton Public Library, U.S. 1 Poets Cooperative now co-sponsors "U.S.1 Poets Invite," which is held at the library on the fourth Wednesday of each month. To be notified by e-mail of meetings, contact Readers' Services Coordinator Susan Roth, at (609) 924-9529, ext 257.

U. S. 1 Poets' Cooperative will be at the Princeton University Store, located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street in Princeton. The talk will take place in the third-floor events area. There is free parking directly across the street. For more information, call (609) 921-8500, ext. 238.

U.S. 1 Worksheets can be purchased and signed on March 13, or ordered in advance. To order, send check made payable to U.S. 1 Poets Cooperative (Worksheets written on check), P.O. Box 127, Kingston, NJ 08528-0127. The cost is \$7 for one issue; \$12 for two.

Children's Author To Speak at Library

Princeton children's author Heleen van Rossum will lead an interactive program based on the English translation of her popular Dutch book, *Will You Carry Me?* at Princeton Public Library on Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m.

The author and mother of two will lead children as they play act some of the action in the book. She will describe how everyday life and her experiences with her children inspire her work, and let the audience in on some of the inside jokes found inside her book. Copies of *Will You Carry Me?* will be available for signing and purchase.

A native of the Netherlands, Ms. van Rossum began writing at age seven. She picked up writing and illustrating again at age 35 and has been at it since. Her works for children in Dutch include, *Good Morning*, *Moster Pieces*, as well as *U.S. 1 Poets Out of Order* and *The Best Mom in the Universe*. She is also working on a historical novel set in 1787 in Amsterdam.

Set in an Amsterdam park, *Will You Carry Me?* was chosen in the Netherlands as one of the 10 best picture books of 2004. Peter van Harmelen provided the illustrations. The book tells the story of Thomas, a toddler too tired to walk all the way home from the park. His imaginative mother thinks of fun and creative ways to get him there.

"The book was written in Washington D.C., where we were visiting the Mall, going from museum to museum," van Rossum recalled. "I was just as tired as my son was, and desperately trying to prevent carrying him. I wrote the story that evening, in our hotel room."

"The trick didn't really work with Thomas, but in books you make anything happen," she continued. "The inside joke of the book is of course, that jumping, swimming, flying and running is just as tiring for a parent, if not more, as carrying a toddler. It is quite funny to see, that if you read the book to pre-school children, they don't really see the beads of sweat on the mother's forehead. You have to point it out to them."

Acclaimed in the Netherlands, Ms. van Rossum's book is now winning over critics in its English translation.

In addition to her writing, Ms. van Rossum is a freelance illustrator and a shadow puppeteer and has given performances and workshops in several local venues.

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Biographer Landon Y. Jones will speak on his new book, *William Clark and the Shopping of the West*, on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m., at The Montgomery Center for the Arts.

A former managing editor at *People* magazine and contributor to *Life*, *Time*, and *Money*, Mr. Jones is on the board of the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. He is also the author of *Great Expectations: America and the Baby Boom Generation*, which was nominated for an American Book Award.

Mr. Jones's lecture is part of the spring "Great Ideas" lecture series at the Montgomery Center for the Arts. The series is held once a month on Wednesday evenings, when professional writers speak on their craft, projects, books, or other topics of interest to them. Future speakers include Paul Muldoon on April 13, and Lauren Davis on May 4.

All lectures are held in the Ballantine Library, and there is no charge, although a \$5 donation is suggested.

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"YESHIVA STUDENTS, CHERNIVTSI, 1992": This picture of two youths from the Vinnitsa region of Ukraine is part of a new exhibit at the Gallery at the Jewish Center of Princeton. "The Jewish Shtetl Today," on view through April 3, displays about 50 photographs by Philadelphia photographer and Russian immigrant Dmitry Peysakhov that portray the "remnants of Jewish culture and Jewish life in the Ukraine." The Gallery at the Jewish Center is located at 435 Nassau Street in Princeton and is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 9:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.dmitrystudio.com> or call the Jewish Center at (609) 921-0100.

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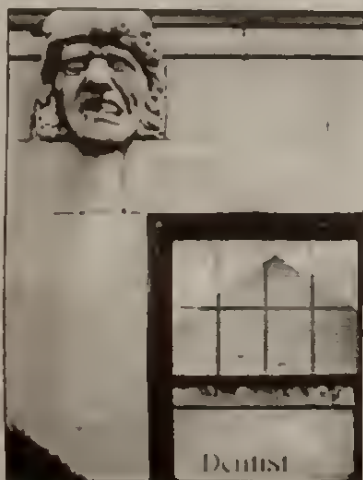
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Arts Council Scales
Down for Upcoming
'Small Works' Show

The Arts Council of Princeton will launch a juried exhibit of "small works" in WPA Gallery at 102 Witherspoon Street with a public opening reception on March 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Small Works show, which will be on display through March 25, is a juried exhibit for works no larger than fifteen inches in any dimension, including the frame or base. The exhibit was open to all artists, high school age and above, working in various media: painting; drawing; mixed media; printing; photography; clay; and sculpture.

WPA Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, (609) 924-8777 or visit <http://www.arts.councilofprinceton.org>.

Out of consideration, visitors are urged not to park along the residential streets of the surrounding John-Witherspoon Street neighborhood. Parking is available in the nearby Spring Street and Palmer Square parking decks.

Get a Jumpstart on Spring
With Newark Museum Show

In time for spring, the Newark Museum will present "Here Come the Brides: Fairy Tales, Folklore and Wedding Traditions," the all-encompassing title for a series of five exhibitions that showcase the wedding customs, fashions and traditions of China, Victorian America, Morocco, Korea and Japan.

Hundreds of items, including dresses, jewelry, furnishings, historic photographs and videos from the museum's collection as well as from private lenders, including several New Jersey families, will be on view throughout the museum through September 4, 2005. The exhibitions, which explore this universal life event celebrated by all cultures and peoples, are titled: "The Bride Wore Red: Chinese Wedding Traditions"; "Alice Ballantine's Victorian Wedding"; "A Bride in Rural Morocco"; "Queen for a Day: Korean Bridal Traditions"; and "A Bride in Old Japan."

The main exhibition, "The Bride Wore Red: Chinese Wedding Traditions," is the first exhibition of its kind in this country. Traced from China and Chinese families in the United States, more than 280 items dating from the eighteenth century to the present will be set among festive pavilions and gardens in the Museum's special exhibition spaces on the first floor.

"Marriage is such an important institution in Chinese society and the continuation as well as transformation of wedding rituals and traditions is fascinating," says Valrae Reynolds, curator of Asian

Collections for the museum. "We are grateful for the generosity of so many families willing to share their stories and mementos, as well as those of their parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents."

The first item that visitors will encounter is an ornate nineteenth-century wedding palanquin, a carriage used in the past to transport a bride to her new home. The last component in the exhibition is a recreation of a traditional Chinese bridal chamber, circa 1890; a carved and lacquered bed, covered with embroidered silks, is accentuated by paneled screens, decorative lanterns, porcelain teacups, and other furnishings.

Between these two settings, viewers can see a variety of bridal dresses spanning two centuries, such as the embroidered silk jackets and skirts of the 1880s, the tight spangled "chipao" of the 1920s and '30s, and the western-inspired "princess" dresses common today. These garments will be situated in vignettes that include family photographs, wedding gifts, invitations, and elements of the trousseau. The important tea ceremony, in which the parents are honored, will be set in a traditional Chinese room, with formal chairs, tables and portraits of the couple's ancestors.

The museum is located at 49 Washington Street in downtown Newark and is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suggested donation for

admission is for adults, \$5; and for children, seniors and students, \$2. Attended parking is available for a fee in the adjacent lot. For more information, call (973) 596-6550 or visit <http://www.NewarkMuseum.org>.

Abstract Art, Ceramics
To Highlight Dual Show

Beginning March 19, the Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell will open an exhibition that will feature the works of abstract painter Micheal Madigan and ceramicist Jim Jansma.

Through representational and abstract paintings, Madigan offers portrayals of rural Ireland's countryside and ancient sites. The artist said that his perceptions of the Emerald Isle "interweave personal and mythical memories."

Jansma's ceramic sculptures work "both within and against sculpture's great traditions" that celebrated the human body in durable materials like bronze and marble, according to exhibit organizers. Contrarily, with the sculptures in this show, Jansma uses ceramics to sculpt "fragmented portraits" of an entire body, or, as the artist puts it, "a memento mori of the vulnerability of human existence."

The Morpeth is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 333-9393 or write info@ruthmorpeth.com.

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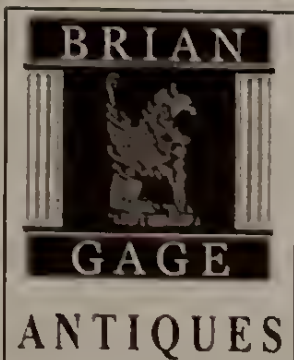
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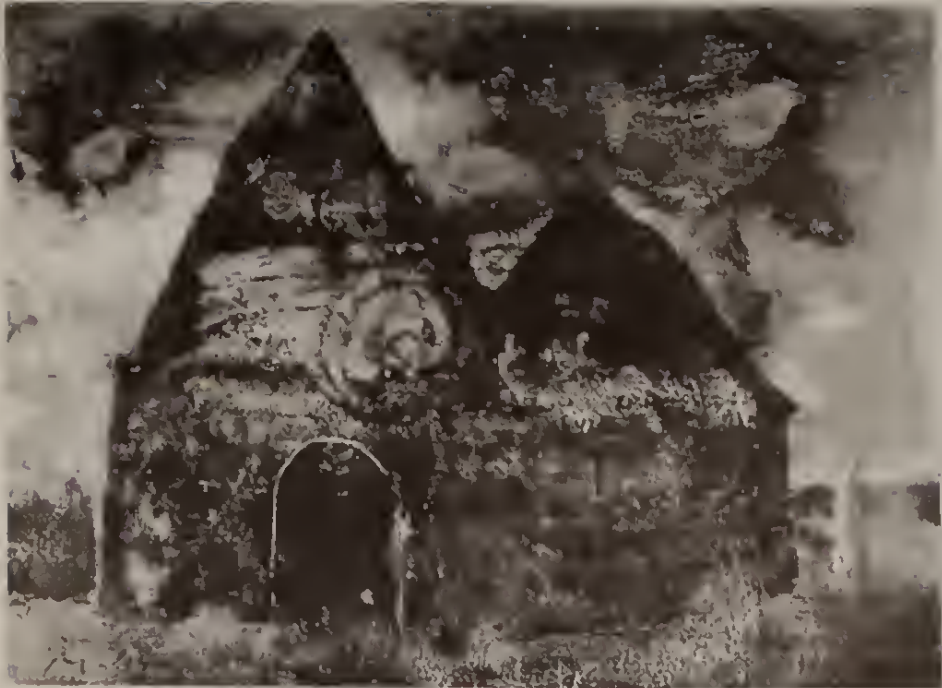
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"OTHER VESSELS": Micheal Madigan's depictions of ancient sites and rural settings in Ireland will appear alongside the ceramic sculpture of Jim Jansma in an exhibit set to begin March 19 at the Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell.

ing within themselves and back out again, back within and out again." Among his major influences was the Swiss Surrealist Sculptor Alberto Giacometti.

Hertzel was trained at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and at Alfred University, and his work has been exhibited at the Woodmere Art Museum, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Academy.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown, Pa. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Additionally, the gallery is open Wednesdays until 9 p.m. through October. Admission to the gallery for members and children under 6 is free; general admission is \$6.50; students with current ID are \$4; and senior citizens age 60 and older are \$6. For more information, call (215) 340-9800 or visit <http://www.michenerartmuseum.org>.



"GATHERING": This bronze sculpture from 2004 is part of an upcoming exhibit at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa. "The Gathering" is an outdoor installation of sculpture by Bucks County artist Jonathan Hertzel that will open April 2. The exhibit will be part of the museum's Outdoor Sculpture Program that highlights the work of contemporary American sculptors.

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Outdoor Art "Gathering" Basis For Michener Show

As part of its ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program, the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa. has announced the opening of "The Gathering," an installation of sculpture by Bucks County artist Jonathan Hertzel.

From April 2 through June 26, Hertzel will have eight recent works in bronze on display in the museum's outdoor sculpture area. The Outdoor Sculpture Program highlights the work of contemporary American sculptors.

Hertzel works largely in bronze, making abstract sculptures that relate to the structures and processes of life. He starts with a signature DNA-like design, from which grow shapes that suggest both human and animal forms as well as the patterns of nature. "My work has a spiral sort of motion," he says, "things turn-

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TWO COUNTRIES; ONE SHOW: Two photography shows, one featuring Harald Schrader's immigrant's perspective of the U.S. and the other illustrating scenes from photographer David Miller's excursion to Ghana, will show through March 13 at Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell. Schrader's exhibit, "U.S.," shows a series of black and white photos of subjects that he has encountered since moving to the U.S. from Europe in 1992. The curved trigger of a hunting rifle shown above is indicative of his study in sharply contrasting textures, lines, and forms.

Avant Garde, Edgy Artists Saluted at Rutgers Univ.

Eleven artists who learned as Rutgers students that anything might be used to make art, and who went on to demonstrate as much in their own careers, will exhibit selected works at the Mabel Smith Douglass Library, on the Douglass College campus at Rutgers, New Brunswick, from March 9 to June 6.

Their professors included such icons of the avant garde as Roy Lichtenstein, one of the original Pop Artists; Allan Kaprow, the creator of the "happening"; Robert Watts, George Segal, Geoffrey Hendricks, John Goodyear and others.

The Rutgers alumni artists will attend a reception in their honor and participate in a panel discussion at the opening of the exhibition this evening, March 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The exhibition, titled "Artists on the Edge," is part of the Mary H. Dana Women Artists Series. The artists, 10 women and a man, all studied on the Douglass College campus between 1959 and 1972. They were influenced by the Fluxus movement, which challenged the conventional definition of art, embraced social and political activism, and cel-

ebrated anarchistic change. They created art from such materials as scavenged posters, newspapers, clothing or the artists' own bodies.

Twenty-four works have been selected for the exhibition. Some date from the artists' student days; others are quite recent. They include painting, sculpture, photography and video, and include such objects as a bra and a hanger.

The professors, still young themselves, and still forming themselves as artists, took their students with them on their artistic journeys. They often exhibited in New York City galleries, and took pains to expose their students to those galleries and the city's museums.

Several of the artists received their undergraduate education at Douglass College, and others took part in the Rutgers master of fine arts program, which was located at Douglass. Alice Aycock, DC '68 and an eminent sculptor, has said that Douglass "was the best piece of luck that ever, ever happened. I will always say that."

The artists attending the reception and discussion, and whose work will be shown in the exhibition, are Aycock, Loretta Dunkelman, Frances Kuehn, Linda Lindroth, Marion Munk, Rita Myers, Mimi Smith, Joan Snyder, Keith Sonnier, Ann Tsubota, and Jackie Winsor.



"GARDEN PLACE SETTING": This mixed metal and media flatware by Bedford, N.H. artist Joy Raskin is currently part of ArtFirst!, an international exhibition and sale of art and crafts by artists with disabilities at the University Medical Center at Princeton. Presented by the Auxiliary of the UMCP the show, now in its third year, will feature more than 278 works by 78 artists, 28 of whom are new to the show. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be on display in the main floor public corridors of the hospital through April 15.

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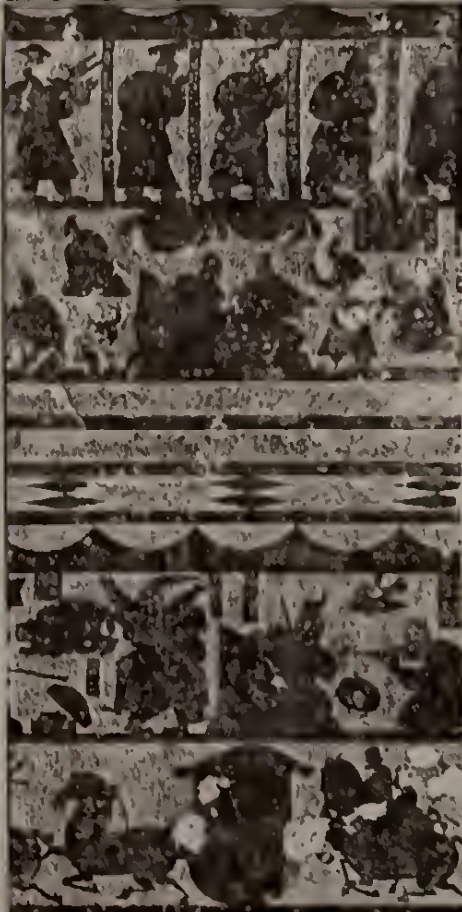
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MUSIC REVIEW

Outstanding Soloists Were Featured In University Orchestra Winter Concert

When Christoph Eschenbach took the helm of the Philadelphia Orchestra, one of his changes was to reseat the players, splitting the violins on the outside of the stage and putting the cello and double basses inside.

This new seating has been a source of great debate with both players and audiences; a guest conductor was heard to say after a performance, "Can somebody please tell me, is this really better?"

Better or not in Philly, this type of seating formation is catching on. Conductor Michael Pratt adopted it for the Princeton University Orchestra this past weekend, when the ensemble presented its winter concert in Richardson Auditorium on Friday and Saturday night. Mr. Pratt seated the violins on either side of the stage for Mozart's Symphony No. 39, no doubt to elucidate the upper string lines.

In Friday night's performance, he took a majestic, almost forceful approach to the opening Adagio. The new formation did bring out the lower string sound; the cello could actually have toned it down a bit. The ensemble sound took a while to gel, coming to life more in the second movement, Andante, and the subsequent Menuetto. Clarinetists Anna Thoman and Suzanne Westbrook also added nice solo touches to the Menuetto.

Placement of the violins was not an issue for the core work on the program. Alfred Schnittke's 'Concerto for Viola and Orchestra' is scored for lower strings, plus an array of winds, brass and percussion instruments. Schnittke's works are known for being polystylistic, as was fully demonstrated in this concerto in which a harpsichord is scored amid the thickest of orchestral textures. One does not often hear concerti for viola, an instrument usually buried within the string fabric, and one certainly does not hear soloists the caliber of David Aaron Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter, co-winner of the Princeton University Concerto Competition, is a freshman, but he already has a string of awards and competition victories. The Schnittke concerto was not always the most tuneful (although

wailing melodies appear sporadically), however, Mr. Carpenter used his tall and lanky frame to dig into the long intense lines. Mr. Carpenter milked the passionate solo part for all it was worth, making the music accessible with his appealing and confident style.

The orchestra was a willing partner in this musical exchange, with clean horns and an unearthly accompaniment to Mr. Carpenter's discordant double stops. The brass came to life at the end of the second movement, and solo winds were exquisitely answered by the solo viola in a surprising dialogue. There are many styles within this concerto (as well as many periods of music), and Mr. Pratt found them all, while allowing Mr. Carpenter to wend his way through the rapidly changing palette. Perhaps equally as rare as viola concerti for orchestra are pieces requiring as many brass players as the Schnittke work.

Mr. Pratt closed the concert with selections from the one composer who could certainly pack a stage full of musicians and instruments — Richard Wagner. The two selections from *The Valkyrie*, "Wotan's Farewell" and "Magic Fire Music," featured bass-baritone Jonathan Prescott, a solid 19th century period singer who had no trouble being heard over the very thick orchestral accompaniment. The text to these two selections moves declamatorily through several scenes in the opera, and Mr. Prescott gave a concrete and dramatic rendition. Mr. Pratt maintained a full and lush Wagnerian sound from the orchestra, and changes in instrumentation — such as the sound of four harps or a biting timpani — could easily be heard. The brass held their own, and Katherine Anderson provided silky playing on the English horn.

The Princeton University Orchestra is busy these days. The ensemble recently returned from a tour of Portugal, and will close their 2004-2005 season with Rachmaninoff's monumental Symphony No. 2. With these spring concerts alone, the players are getting a real workout — stretching their solid musicianship and performance capabilities.

—Nancy Plum

McCarter to Present The World Premiere Of Drama "The Bells"

McCarter Theatre will present the world premiere of *The Bells* by Theresa Rebeck, directed by McCarter artistic director Emily Mann, from March 22 through April 10.

Set in the waning years of the Alaskan Gold Rush, the new drama tracks the intertwined fates of a gregarious innkeeper, Mathias (Ted Marcoux), his rebellious daughter Annette (Marin Ireland), and the misfits of a boomtown gone bust (Fiona Gallagher, Paul Butler and Michael McCarty). Hard luck and hunger have brought them together, but when a stranger (Christopher Innvar) begins asking questions about the mysterious disappearance of a Chinese prospector, Xuifei (Pun Bandhu), he soon learns that nothing is quite what it seems in this vast wilderness, where ghost stories are not taken lightly.

"*The Bells* is a great, old fashioned, spine-tingling drama," said Ms. Mann. "It is about people driven by greed and the instinct for survival, and how those urges can shape the human spirit and imagination. It works on many levels — as a father/daughter play, as a ghost story, and as a cautionary tale about America's frontier mentality."

Mr. Marcoux made his Broadway debut in *A Few Good Men* before relocating to the West Coast to do film and television, including recurring roles on *The Practice*, *ER*, and *Judging Amy*.

Ms. Ireland, an off-Broadway actress, was recently named one of New York City's "Hot 25 in 2005" by Time Out New York. Her numerous credits include *Sobino* at Primary Stages, *Nocturne* at New York Theatre Workshop, and *Heartbreak House* at Chicago's Goodman Theatre.

Mr. Innvar starred on Broadway as Javert in the tenth anniversary company of *Les Misérables*. His other stage credits include the title role of *Floyd Collins*, William Finn's *A New Brain*, and the world premiere of James Lapine's drama, *Fron's Bed*, opposite Mia Farrow.

Mr. Butler has created roles in the plays of Aaron Sorkin (*A Few Good Men*), David Mamet (*Edmond*), and August Wilson (*Jitney* and *Gem of the Ocean*). His credits also include Antony opposite Vanessa Redgrave in *Antony and Cleopatra*, and *Shylock* in the Peter Sellars' production of *The Merchant of Venice*. On film he has appeared in David Mamet's films *Homicide*, *The Spanish Prisoner*, and *Stote and Moln*; and in *To Sleep with Anger* with Danny Glover.

Mr. McCarty returns to McCarter where he played Alfred P. Doolittle in *My Fair Lady* last season. His many Broadway credits include recent revivals of *Oktoberfest*, *42nd Street*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Oliver!*, and the original productions of *Amadeus*, *Teddy & Alice*, *Big River*, and *King of Hearts*.

Ms. Gallagher was last seen at McCarter in Joe Orton's *Loot*. Her regional theater credits include *Street Scene* and *The Winter's Tale* at Williamstown Theater Festival, *Noises Off* at Paper Mill Playhouse, *Ghosts* at Hartford Stage, and *A Touch of the Poet* at Arena Stage and Denver Center.

Rounding out the cast will



HUNTER AND HUNTED: Christopher Innvar, left, will appear as a French Canadian bounty hunter and Ted Marcoux, right, as an Innkeeper in the world premiere of "The Bells", running March 22 through April 10 at McCarter Theatre. The new drama by Theresa Rebeck is set in Alaska during the waning years of the Gold Rush. For tickets, call (609) 258-2787.

be Pan Bandhu, a New Jersey native and a recent graduate of the Yale School of Drama, who has appeared in Clifford Odets' *Big Knife* directed by Joanne Woodward, and the world premiere of A.R. Gurney's *Far East* directed by Daniel Sullivan, both at the Williamstown Theatre Festival.

Ms. Rebeck was a writer and producer of the Emmy Award-winning TV series *NYPD Blue* and *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*. Her plays include the off-Broadway hit *Omnium Gatherum*, co-written with Alexandra Gersten-Vassiliaros, *The*

Butterfly Collection, *View of the Dome*, *The Family of Mann*, *Loose Knit*, *Spike Heels*, and most recently, the one-woman comedy *Bad Dates*.

The "Dialogue on Drama" performance for *The Bells* will be on Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m. Post-performance discussions will take place following the performances on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$33 to \$48, and may be ordered by calling the McCarter box office at (609) 258-2787 or by visiting www.mccarter.org.

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Westminster Conservatory Schedules Faculty Recital

Members of the faculty at Westminster Conservatory will present a concert entitled *Re-imaginings* at Rider University's Bart Luedke Center Theatre this Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature soprano Joy Bechtler, pianist/composer Laurie Altman, and guitarist James Day in works by Altman, Berlioz, Sor, Takemitsu, and others.

The program will include world premieres of two works by Altman: *Re-imaginings* for voice and piano, a jazz-like reworking of 17th and 18th-century Italian songs and arias, and *Songs My Mother Taught Me* for solo guitar. Arrangements of early 19th-century French romances by Hector Berlioz, Spanish sequillias by Fernando Sor, and the jazz-inspired solo guitar work *All in Twilight* by Toru Takemitsu will complete the program. Together, the compositions will present a variety of ways in which composers have reimagined popular, jazz, classical, or folk styles in the context of art music.

Ms. Bechtler has performed opera internationally in Tel Aviv at the Israel Vocal Arts recordings. He has performed

Institute; in Urbana, Italy at the Centro Studi Lirica; and with Opera Lanka in Sri Lanka. In the United States, she has sung opera roles with Opera Festival of New Jersey and New York City's Castelli Opera Arts. A winner in the JCC MetroWest Annual Young Artist's Competition, she is currently a faculty member of Westminster Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Day is an internationally active guitarist who has performed in Europe and in the United States at New York's Lincoln Center and the Solar-Fest Performing Arts Festival in Vermont. His concerts have been broadcast on U.S. public television and radio, and his numerous awards have included a top prize in the 1995 Rantucci International Guitar Competition in Buffalo.

Mr. Altman, a composer, pianist, and teacher, is well-known for his jazz composition. His work includes chamber, vocal, piano, opera, and of ways in which composers have reimagined popular, jazz, scores, commercials, and incidental music. He has composed more than 100 jazz

in London, Mexico City, Holland, Scandinavia, and throughout the United States.

Part of the proceeds from the concert will go towards a scholarship fund set up for students at Westminster Conservatory of Music. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

For more concert information and directions call (609) 921-7104.



Tracey Chebra



Clipper Erickson

Recital Program to Range From Brahms to Broadway

Soprano Tracey Richards Chebra and pianist Clipper Erickson will present a recital entitled *Beethoven, Brahms, Borber, and Broadway* this Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m. in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel. Both Ms. Chebra and Mr. Erickson are Westminster Conservatory faculty members.

The program will include *Ah! Perfido* of Ludwig van Beethoven, *Zigeunerlieder* by Johannes Brahms, and Sam-

uel Barber's *Hermit Songs*, as well as several Broadway selections.

Ms. Chebra holds a master of music degree in vocal performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has performed with the Boheme Society of Trenton, the Opera Repertory Theatre of Greensboro, and Spirit in Motion Ballet Theater of Wycombe, Pa. She is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and is actively involved in training young singers for careers in music. A voice teacher at Westminster Choir College, she is currently head of the voice department at Westminster Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Erickson, who made his orchestra debut in Los Angeles at the age of 19, studied piano at Indiana University, The Juilliard School, and Yale University. The recipient of many honors throughout his career, he has been a prizewinner at such international competitions as the Busoni Competition, the William Kapell Competition, and the American Pianists Association. Described as a "true heroic pianist" by the Washington Post, he has performed in venues from the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory to the Kennedy Center, and continues to be featured each year with orchestras throughout the United States. He teaches at Bucknell University and Westminster Conservatory.

Tickets for the recital are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling (609) 921-2663.

New Orleans Jazz Bands Headed for State Theatre

The Cajun sounds of New Orleans jazz will be heard in New Brunswick when the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and BeauSoleil take the stage at the State Theatre on Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m.

Since 1961, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band has devoted itself to keeping one of America's creative resources alive: New Orleans Jazz. The band has appeared at many famous venues, including Carnegie Hall, Boston's Symphony Hall, the Monterey Jazz Festival, and Israel's Red Sea Jazz Festival.

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Originating in the early part of the 20th century, New Orleans Jazz is not to be confused with the two-beat Dixieland style. The tempo is a shade slower than the other jazz forms and the melody is always clearly heard with improvisation at its heart. Bands generally consist of five to seven pieces, with the trumpet usually the musical leader.

A Grammy Award winner, BeauSoleil has claimed its role as one of the most esteemed Cajun groups. Its music blends the Cajun traditions of Louisiana with elements of zydeco, New Orleans jazz, Tex-Mex, country, blues, and more. The band has performed for audiences throughout the world. Its latest recording, *Gitone Cajun*, released last September, was the band's 27th and its first since its Grammy-nominated *Cajunization* in 1999.

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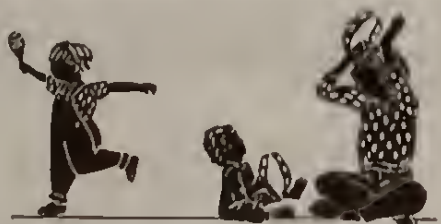
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Peddie to Present Pianist Prodigy, 16

The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS) will continue its 2004-05 Signature Saturday Series with a performance by the pianist prodigy Yujia Wang on April 2 at 8 p.m. in Peddie's Mount-Burke Theater.

Just 16 years old, the Chinese pianist has already been acknowledged as an outstanding classical musician. Pianists Leon Fleisher and Vladimir Ashkenazy have described her playing as "miraculous."

Born in Beijing, Ms. Wang has already performed numerous solo recitals in China, France, Australia, Canada, and Poland. She recently played Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto in an acclaimed performance with the Tonhalle Orchestra in Zurich, Switzerland.

Ms. Wang attended three Morningside Music Bridge summer programs from 1999 to 2001 at Calgary's Mount Royal College. In the summers of 2002 and 2003 she studied with John Perry at the Aspen Music Festival, where she won the Concerto Competition in her first year of attendance. She subsequently studied in the Mount Royal College Conservatory Academy Program for Gifted Youth. For the past two years she has attended The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Ms. Wang's debut CD was released in 1995. When she visited Australia in 1996, the musical community was stunned by the maturity shown by an 8-year-old. She has been a frequent prizewinner in national and international competitions, including the Huapu Cup National Piano Competition, the Veo International Primer Premio in Spain, and the Seiler International Piano Competition in May, 2001. She was also awarded the Special Jury Award at the First Japan Sendai International Music Competition, where she was the youngest of all competitors.

Over the years, CAPPS has prided itself on introducing rising stars to New Jersey audiences, having previously presented such artists as violinist Hilary Hahn and pianist Lang Lang.

The remaining performance in the Signature Saturday Series will be the Turtle Island String Quartet on May 21.

Tickets for Yujia Wang are reserved and \$20. For information on this or other CAPPS events, call (609) 490-7550 or e-mail capps@peddie.org.

Princeton Festival Plans "Sweeney Todd" Auditions

The Princeton Festival has announced that it will hold chorus auditions for *Sweeney Todd* on Wednesday, March 16 from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 19 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., on the Princeton University campus.

The chorus parts are paid positions.

The show will run from July 3 to July 16 at the Kirby Arts Center at The Lawrenceville School.

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MEDIEVALISTS: The Princeton-based ensemble Armonia — from left, storyteller Patricia Echeverria, singer and instrumentalist Elizabeth Horn, and instrumentalist Mary Benton — will perform a program of medieval poetry and music tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Princeton Public Library.

25th Anniversary Gala Planned by Symphony

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala celebration and auction on April 2 at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. The honorary chairman for the event is Mikhail Baryshnikov.

The evening will begin with cocktails and music by the Seviay String Quartet. Following dinner, a vacation home auction will feature a Tuscan villa, a manor house in Ire-

land, a seaside retreat in Greece, and Rudyard Kipling's home, Naulakha, in Brattleboro, Vt. For those unable to attend the event, sealed bids will be accepted.

Photographs and detailed information on each of the vacation homes can be found on the PSO website at www.princeton-symphony.org.

In addition to the live auction of vacation homes, the event's co-chairs, Kathleen Tovar and Teresa Danko, have organized a silent auction of musically-related items.

Twyla Tharp, dancer and choreographer, has donated tickets to her show *Movin' Out*. The *Movin' Out* package includes a backstage tour, \$100 gift certificate to a new restaurant, a Kate Spade handbag, and car service to New York. The auction will include similar packages for *Fiddler on the Roof*, the Metropolitan Opera, American Ballet Theatre, and Big Apple Circus. Bidders will also be offered an autograph of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on watercolor paper framed "a la Indochine," donated by Bill and Judy Scheide.

The evening will conclude with dancing to the music of the Haz Bins.

For ticket information or more information on the sealed bidding process, call (609) 497-0020.

Music of Medieval Women On Public Library Program

The ensemble Armonia will perform *Vox Feminoe: The Voices of Medieval Women in Poetry and Song* tomorrow evening, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Princeton Public Library.

A Princeton-based trio comprising storyteller Patricia Echeverria, singer and instrumentalist Elizabeth Horn, and instrumentalist Mary Benton, Armonia combines medieval music and tales, songs and poetry in a program for adults and children.

The ensemble's performance at the library will include the music of medieval composers Hildegard von Bingen and the Countess of Dia, two 12th century figures believed to be the first women composers whose names were known and whose work has survived. The concert will be performed on reproductions of the instruments of the period.

The attitudes of medieval women toward love, marriage, the cloistered life, and the cult of the Virgin will be examined in the program.

Armonia has performed in schools, churches, libraries, and museums throughout the area. Their CD, *Vox Feminoe*, was recorded by Griffin Renaissance Records (www.griffinrenaissance.com).

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GALA PLANNERS: Kathleen Tovar, left, and Teresa Danko are co-chairs for the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's 25th anniversary gala and auction, Saturday, April 2 at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. The event will feature the PSO's traditional auction of visits to vacation homes around the world.

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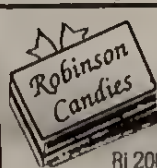


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"Far-Out Films" Series Continues This Friday

The filmmaker and award-winning experimental media artist Albert Nigrin will be the featured guest in the third program of "Far-Out Films," at the Princeton Public Library this Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to students in grade eight and above, as well as adults.

The teen film series is sponsored by the Princeton Teen Film Committee, a group composed of Arts Council staff, two librarians from Princeton Public Library, a volunteer committee of high school students, and a local film scholar.

In keeping with the theme of the series, Mr. Nigrin will present three "far-out" short films, *Street of Crocodiles* by the Brothers Quay; and two films directed by Mr. Nigrin himself, *Brainwashing* and *Mental Radio*, a.k.a. *Open Kennedy*.

Street of Crocodiles is a surreal, animated adaptation of a short story by Jewish writer Bruno Schultz, who was killed by the Nazis during World War II. The film animates Mr. Schultz's story using puppets and dolls to create a nightmarish netherworld of bizarre puppet rituals.

Brainwashing, shot almost entirely inside a car wash, functions as a metaphor for the drowning of the soul.

Mental Radio, o.k.a. *Open Kennedy* depicts psychic and telepathic interactions between soul mates, animal and human, and is a visual interpretation of Mr. Nigrin's thyroid illness, Graves Disease, which was diagnosed in 1990.

Following the screenings, Mr. Nigrin will talk about independent and experimental filmmaking and take questions from the audience.

Mr. Nigrin is a Cinema Studies lecturer at Rutgers University and the Executive Director/Curator of the Rutgers Film Co-op/New Jersey Media Arts Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization that screens and promotes independent, experimental cinema in New Jersey through New Jersey film festivals.

For more information about "Far-Out Films," call Susan Conlon at Princeton Public Library at (609) 924-9529, ext. 247, or Janet Stern at the Arts Council of Princeton at (609) 924-8777.

Mackenzie Phillips Added To "TV Hit Parade" Cast

New Brunswick's State Theatre has announced that Mackenzie Phillips, best known for her seven-year role as Julie Cooper on *One Day at a Time*, will appear in *TV Hit Parade*, at the Theatre on April 19 at 8 p.m.

Ms. Phillips will join a cast that includes television personalities Loretta Swit Brunswick (M*A*S*H), Barry Williams (The Brady Bunch), and Adrian Zmed (T.J. Hooker).

Ms. Phillips must recently finished filming *The Jacket* opposite Adrien Brody and Kiera Knightley, which premiered at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. Her other roles have included Carol in *American Graffiti*, Molly Phillips on the 1998-2000 Disney Channel series *So Weird*, and Mary in the Disney movie *Double Team*. She is the daughter of the late John Phillips, founder of the 1960s vocal group The Mamas and The Papas.

The Broadway producer Martin Charnin will direct the show.

The show will feature songs from TV shows such as *Green Acres*, *Cheers*, *Friends*, *All in the Family*, *Nine to Five*, *Gilligan's Island*, *The Jeffersons*, *Welcome Back Kotter*, and *M*A*S*H*.

Tickets are \$20 to \$45, and may be ordered by calling (732) 246-7469 or (877) STATE-11.

State Theatre to Offer Japanese Drum Troupe

Japan's Kodo Drummers, known for preserving the art form associated with the traditional Japanese taiko drum, will appear at New Brunswick's State Theatre on March 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50.

Although the main focus of the Kodo Drummers' performance is taiko drumming, other Japanese musical instruments such as fue and shamisen will also be used in the performance of traditional dances and songs.

Since its debut at the Berlin Festival in 1981, Kodo has given over 2,600 performances on five continents, spending about a third of the year abroad, a third touring in Japan, and a third preparing new material on Japan's Sado Island.

Kodo strives to preserve and re-interpret traditional Japanese performing arts. At the same time, it has incorporated other global musical influences to produce new fusion and forms.

For tickets, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469 or toll free at (877) STATE-11.

The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

Russian Music and Poetry At Zimmerli Art Museum

A program blending Russian music, poetry, and cultural history will be offered at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick this Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m.

Titled *St. Petersburg: A Festival of the Arts*, the program will salute the artistic city of Russia. Musicologist and cultural historian Solomon Volkov will begin the program with reminiscences of the St. Petersburg composers, poets, and choreographers with whom he collaborated through the years, including Dimitri Shostakovich, Anna Akhmatova, and George Balanchine. At 3 p.m., a concert by pianist Elena Baksht will follow, featuring music by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich. Ms. Baksht will also recite poetry of the Russian Silver Age.

The program is free with a \$3 museum admission. Museum members and Rutgers students, faculty and staff will be admitted free.

The Zimmerli Art Museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, New Brunswick.

For more information, call (732) 932-7237 or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

Seminary Plans Concert Of Singing, Organ Music

John Ferguson, professor of organ and church music at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., will present the Joe R. Engle Organ Concert at Princeton Theological Seminary at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 in the Seminary's Miller Chapel. A well-known composer of choral music, he is also a highly regarded leader of hymn singing.

The concert of organ music and hymn singing will also feature a brass choir and Princeton Seminary's Cantate Domino Choir. The program

will include Prof. Ferguson's arrangement of *Christ Is the World's Redeemer*, commissioned by the Seminary for the inauguration of Iain R. Torrance as its sixth president.

Prof. Ferguson, a skilled teacher and performer, presents hymn festivals across the United States for local congregations as well as professional gatherings.

The Joe R. Engle organ is a three-manual pipe organ built by Paul Fritts and Company and installed in 2000.

The concert is open to the public free of charge.

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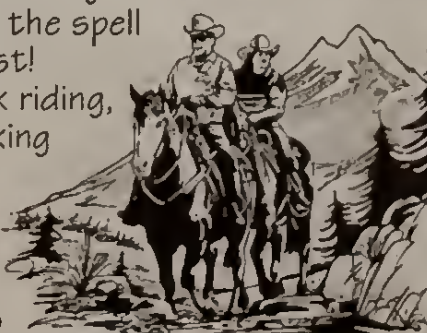
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PEOPLE



Audrey Gould

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey has appointed Princeton Township resident **Audrey Gould** to its Board of Overseers.

With a career in investment management that spans over 25 years, Ms. Gould, of Philip Drive, is currently a senior vice president at Wachovia Securities. She has received several awards for her accomplishments as a financial advisor as well as for her involvement throughout the greater Princeton community.

Among these achievements are the national YWCA Tribute to Women in Industry award that honors "outstanding women who have made significant contributions to their professions and communities."

As such, the CINJ Board Chairman Robert E. Campbell he was pleased with Ms. Gould's recent appointment: "Her enthusiasm embodies the mission and vision of CINJ and she will be a wonderful addition to the CINJ family."

Ms. Gould also sits on the boards of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School's Child Health Institute, the International School Services, the Center for Innovative Print Making and Paper at the Mason Gross School at Rutgers, American Repertory Ballet, and the Mason Gross School of the Arts Leadership Council.

CINJ is the state's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and works to improve the prevention, detection, treatment and care of patients with cancer. CINJ's partner and affiliate network is composed of 20 hospitals and institutions throughout the state.

Princeton resident and World War I aviation enthusiast **Peter Grosz** has been awarded Germany's Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit in recognition of his lifelong passion as a historian

and his documented accounts March 13 at the JCC Thursday of aircraft development during the war.

The mayor of Berlin, Klaus Zachary is a student of Wowerit, awarded the cross Lynne Beiler, a Suzuki cellist to Mr. Grosz in December.

Born in Berlin, Mr. Grosz came to the U.S. in 1933 at the age of 7. He and his brother, who initially stayed with their aunt in Germany while their parents made ends meet in the U.S., lived in a 5th floor apartment overlooking an airport where they would watch planes take off and land.

"I got bit by an airplane bug," Mr. Grosz recalled in a 1989 interview with Town Topics. From then on, he began collecting cards with pictures of airplanes — cards that were typically sold with cigarette packs.

Mr. Grosz's collection of technical data, over 25,000 photographs and a large library, has enabled him to write hundreds of articles and monographs as well as several books outlining the monumental strides in aviation development and technology during World War I. Over 48,000 aircraft were built by Germany alone during that war.

As the first Verville Fellow at the national Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., Mr. Grosz was given a grant to spend the 1983-84 year working on a book of Austro-Hungarian aircraft used in World War I. He is also a regular consultant to the German Technical Museum in Berlin.

Marine Corps Cpl. Jonathan Grubb, son of John Grubb of Lawrenceville, recently practiced combat training procedures, while assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, home based at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

The training provided the Marines and Sailors of Cpl. Grubb's unit with the basic skills to survive in combat. The squadron simulated ambushes of convoys, defensive positions, and offensive tactics.

Cpl. Grubb's unit provides aviation logistics support, guidance, and direction to Marine Aircraft Group 12 squadrons, as well as supplying them with munitions, aircraft armament equipment, guns, and aviation weapons support equipment.

Cpl. Grubb is a 2000 graduate from Lawrence High School and joined the Marine Corps in October 2000.

Zachary Mowitz, a 9 year old third grader at Princeton Charter School, who is an accomplished cellist, has been selected to participate in a master class presented by Rafael Figueroa, principal cellist with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. The event will take place on Sunday,

Aaron Mowitz, a 9th grader at Princeton High School and Zachary's older brother, also participates in the Gifted Children's Program in Philadelphia where he is the principal second violinist in the "Baroque Players" ensemble and plays in the chamber music program coached by Jason DePue of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Additionally, Aaron plays viola in a Piano Quartet at the Settlement Music School coached by Sid Curtiss.

Aaron and Zachary's father, **Ira Mowitz**, is a composer of contemporary music and works with instrumental ensembles, electroacoustic, and computer music. He has had recent performances with the Brooklyn Philharmonic's Chamber Music series and is a recipient of the inaugural Eric Siday Commission for the American Music Centers "Music on Hold" program.



James Mahon III

James Mahon III of Princeton, Princeton High School class of 2003, was named to the Dean's list at Columbia University for the 2004 fall semester, where he is majoring in political science and economics. Last month, Mr. Mahon was awarded a Charles G. Koch Summer Fellowship for 2005. The fellowships are awarded annually to 40 students, recent graduates, from undergraduate, graduate, and law programs from around the world. The fellows are placed in 10 week public policy internships in Washington, DC at government or non-government public policy institutions. The program includes seminars, career workshops, housing and airfare to Washington, D.C., and a cash stipend. Mr. Mahon will intern at the World Resources Institute.

CLUBS

The **Princeton Senior Citizen's Club** will meet at the Suzanne Patterson Center on Friday, March 11 at 1 p.m. Prof. Terrence Byrne will discuss "Irish Heritage and Immigration."

Visitors are welcome.

For more information call Kathleen Brady at (609) 921-8857.

The **Princeton Elks Club**, located on Route 518 in Blawenburg, will host a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 12 featuring a cash bar at 7 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. The Billy Hill Band will provide music for dancing from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission will be \$28.

For information, call Jim Rose at (609) 406-0100, ext. 123 during the day or (609) 577-7860 during the evening.

The club will also hold its annual Charity Ball on April 9. A cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to midnight, to the music of Rhythm, Reeds & All That Brass. Tickets are \$40 per person. For reservations or information, call Anne Robotti at (609) 924-0107 or Darlis Maksymovich at (609) 466-0541.

"Ethics Reform in New Jersey: This Time for Real?" will be the topic of Paula A. Franzese, Peter W. Rodino Professor of Law at Seton Hall Law School and Special Ethics Counsel to Governor Richard J. Codey, at the March 16 dinner meeting of the **American Society for Public Administration New Jersey Chapter**.

The meeting will be held at Prospect House on the Princeton University campus. Dinner will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The cost is \$25. Reservations are requested by noon on Monday, March 14, by calling John Geniesse at (609) 292-7210.

The **Princeton Macintosh Users Group** will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Jadwin Hall on the Princeton University campus. The speaker, Chris Jarocha-Ernst of Rutgers Computing Services, will discuss webpage creation using Netscape Composer and Style Sheets. He will also discuss some of the tools different Internet service providers offer to help users create web pages.

For more information, call Seth Eberhardt at (908) 359-8851 or visit www.pmug-nj.org.

"Knowing China's Economy" will be the topic of a presentation by Gregory C. Chow, Ph.D., to **55PLUS** at the club's March 17 meeting at the Jewish Center of Princeton.

Prof. Chow will explain why China's economy has been growing so rapidly, and what the current problems and future prospects are. The talk will be based in part on his book, *Knowing China*.

Prof. Chow is Professor of Economics and Class of 1913

Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus, at Princeton University. He is a member of the American Philosophical Society and a Fellow of the American Statistical Association. He has published 12 books and over 180 articles.

SSPLUS was organized in 1986 as a non-sectarian group to promote social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July, and August to discuss a wide range of topics with prominent speakers. It offers two investment groups, a mentoring group that works with Princeton High School students, and a computer group that helps familiarize members with personal computers and the Internet.

David Biederman, Consumer Education Coordinator with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, will speak on identity theft at the March 21 meeting of the **Womeo's College Club of Princeton**. His talk will begin at 1 p.m. in the parish hall of All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road.

Mr. Biederman will address the function of the State's Division of Consumer Affairs, the prevention of identity theft, and the steps to take once one becomes a victim of the crime.

Light refreshments will be served after a question and answer period. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The Club will also host a March 22 visit to the Boehm

Porcelain Studio in Trenton. The Boehm porcelains are exhibited in 137 museums and institutions worldwide. Club members will carpool to Trenton at 1 p.m. from the Princeton Shopping Center parking lot adjacent to Eckerd Drugs. To reserve a place or arrange a ride, call (609) 921-8575.

For more information on the Women's College Club of Princeton, call (609) 924-2598.

The **Garden Gate Garden Club of Lawrenceville** invites area residents to attend its March 21 meeting at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, 1039 Lawrence Road, at 7 p.m. Parking is available at the rear of the church.

The program will be a presentation on "Seed Starting" by Master Gardener Evy Roberts, who will discuss the proper care of seeds through all phases of planting and growing. Ms. Roberts has served as president and is presently co-chair of the Compost Demonstration Site and Garden in Hopewell Township.

The Garden Gate Garden Club meets the third Monday of each month. Visitors and those interested in joining the club are welcome.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Judy Ryba at (609) 581-8818.

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CHESSforum

A backward pawn can be a serious liability. In many games, I avoid the existence or creation of backward pawns at the cost of other positional disadvantages because backward pawns require a lot of support.

When a pawn can no longer be advanced with the support of its neighbors, it is considered backward. Often backward pawn advances are further impeded by opposing pawn placement as well.

Many players become too obsessed with protecting these pawns when they are stuck with them. This is usually a result of a player overvaluing material. In the middlegame, a pawn is not worth very much.

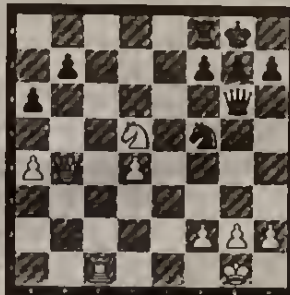
If I arrive at a position in which I have a backward pawn, I will sometimes ignore its existence, and just seek play in another area of the board. I find that this strategy is better than attempting to protect the pawn. If I just defend my pawn, then my opponent's pieces become active and mine passive.

Passive pieces should be avoided at all costs.

—Chad Lieberman

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1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 e6
5.Nc3 Nf6
6.Nxc6 bxc6
7.e5 Nd5



Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

8.Ne4 Qc7
9.f4 Qb6
10.c4 Ne3
11.Qd3 Nf5
12.b3 h5
13.Bd2 a5
14.Rb1 Be7
15.g3 Ba6
16.Bh3 Nd4
17.Rd1 0-0
18.Bc3 Nf5
19.Ke2 a4
20.Rb1 axb3
21.axb3 d5
22.exd6 Rfd8
23.Rhd1 Nxd6
24.Nxd6 Rxd6
25.Qe3 Qxe3+
26.Kxe3 Rxd1
27.Rxd1 Rb8
28.Ra1 Rxb3
29.Rxa6 Rxc3+
30.Kd4 Bf6+
31.Kc5 Rc2
32.Rxc6 Be7+
33.Kb6 Rb2+
34.Ka6 g6
35.Rc8+ Kg7
36.c5 Rxd2
37.c6 Ra2+

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Wednesday, March 9

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

5 p.m.: Tribute to Women 2005; Hyatt Regency Princeton.

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Jazz Vespers Ensemble; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Sonos de México folk group; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, March 10

7 and 9:30 p.m.: John Pizzarelli; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: Armonia ensemble, Vox Feminae: The Voices of Medieval Women in Poetry and Song; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Pianist Ivan Moravec; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Tower of Power and Average White Band; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Swimming Upstream; Wilson Black Box Theater, Wilcox College, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.

Friday, March 11

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of Aids; Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, 170 Witherspoon Street.

3 p.m.: Public lectures on mathematical topics; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study. For information call (609) 734-8239.

5:30 to 10 p.m.: Jazz

Vocalist Doris Spears; Archives at the Marriott, 1 West Lafayette Street, Trenton.

6 to 9 p.m.: Wenonah Brooks and Co. jazz band; Gallery 125, 125 South Warren Street, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Film Series for teens, Far-Out Films!; Princeton Public Library.

7 to 9 p.m.: 35th Annual Trinity Church Rummage Sale; Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street. Also Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, with pianist Gary Graffman; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Little by Little; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Incorruptible; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: The Chieftains; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Sweet Honey in the Rock; McCarter Theatre.

8:15 p.m.: Dance improv; Arts Council of Princeton.

Saturday, March 12

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Education Symposium sponsored by Princeton Regional Schools; John Witherspoon Middle School Library.

7:30 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Faculty Recital; Bart Luedeke Center Theatre, Rider University.

7:30 p.m.: "Oy Vegas" Fund-Raiser with Henry Winkler; Jewish Center of Princeton.

8 p.m.: The Barber of Seville; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Dance Project; Yvonne Theater, Rider University.

versity, Lawrenceville. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Comedy Idols; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Israeli Singer David Broza; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Recital with Soprano Tracey Chebra and Pianist Clipper Erickson; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Sunday, March 13

2 p.m.: St. Petersburg: A Festival of the Arts, with pianist Elena Baksht; Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick.

4 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet, Beauty & The Beast: A Gothic Romance; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

4 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater Fund-Raising Musical; Pennington. For information call (609) 799-7700.

4 p.m.: Trenton Community Music School Annual Benefit Concert; Har Sinai Temple, 491 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton.

4 p.m.: The Practitioners of Musick with vocal ensemble Fuma Sacra; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

6 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's A Midsummer Night's Dream; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7 p.m.: The Temptations and The Four Tops; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Monday, March 14

4 p.m.: Historic Preservation Commission; Township Municipal Complex.

Tuesday, March 15

7 p.m.: Ear Infection Workshop sponsored by Children's Information Center; Princeton YWCA Library. Free; call (609) 921-1072 for reservation.

7:30 p.m.: Sidewalk and Bike Advisory Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Pianists Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman. Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Address Unknown; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16

5:30 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet, Ballet After Hours; Crossroads Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Kodo Drummers; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, March 17

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory at Nassau Recital with Sonora Winds; Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

10 p.m.: Icewagon Flu; Triumph Brewing Company Nassau Street.

Friday, March 18

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Little by Little; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Baritone Fadlou Shehadi and Pianist Phyllis Lehrer; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall, Free.

8:15 p.m.: Singer-songwriter David Roth; Christ Congregation Church.

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Wednesday, March 9 - Wednesday, March 16

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12:00 p.m. Movie and Lunch; SPB.
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1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC
2:30 p.m. Travel Club meeting; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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10:00 a.m. Composers at Work in Their Later Years; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
12:30 p.m. Making Waves, origami for tsunami relief — SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Science Tuesday on Thursday; SPB
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Friday, March 11:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
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10:30 a.m. Art; SPB
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB

Monday, March 14:

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10:45 a.m. Ballroom Dancing; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:30 p.m. Free Tax Assistance; SC & SPB.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, March 15:

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.
10:00 a.m. The Scarlet Letter & Madam Bovary; SPB.
11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George ingenbrandt; SC.
1:00 p.m. Ulysses II; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, March 16:

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10:00 a.m. The Politics of Oil; Boro Hall (West Conf. Rm).
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Greeting Card Workshop; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions 2005; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
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CINEMA REVIEW

The Sea Inside

Euthanasia at Issue in Best Foreign Film Oscar Winner

The Spanish know how to tackle sensitive subject-matter cinematically. In 2003, writer/director Pedro Almodovar was nominated for Best Director and won the Academy Award for Best Original Script for *Talk to Her*.

The Sea Inside, produced, directed, scored, and co-written by Alejandro Amenabar, received this year's Oscar in the Best Foreign Language Film category. The versatile Chilean moviemaker collaborated with Mateo Gil (*Vanilla Sky*) on the screenplay, adapting it from *Cartes Desde El Inferno* (*Letters from Hell*), an autobiography by Ramon Sampedro, a quadriplegic whose right-to-die case became a cause célèbre in Spain.

The movie chronicles Sampedro's life as a ship mechanic, starting with the tragic diving accident which paralyzed him while still a youth. The story then shifts to his 28-year crusade to legalize euthanasia in order that he be allowed to die with dignity. The movie explores the same theme as that addressed, although less satisfactorily, by *Million Dollar Baby*.

The Sea Inside stars Javier Bardem, who received an Oscar nomination in 2001 for *Before Night*. Bardem's work here is impressive despite the limitations inherent in playing a bed-ridden protagonist who can't move his arms or legs.

The bulk of the film unfolds on a sprawling farm in Galicia while being attended to by his father (Joan

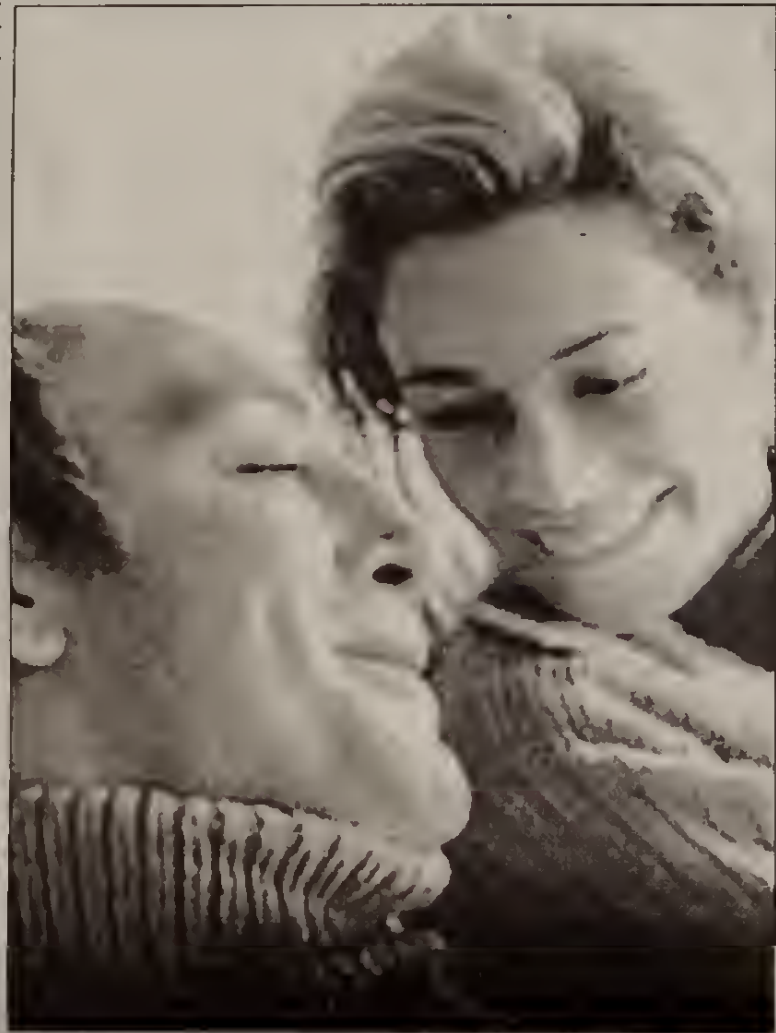
Dalmau), brother (Celso Baglio), sister-in-law (Mabel Rivera) and nephew (Tomar Novas). Although his loving, extended family provides support, Ramon repeatedly requests that he be put out of his misery.

Ramon debates his desire to die with two women who are diametrically opposed to euthanasia. One is his lawyer, Julia (Belen Rueda), who sympathizes with his predicament because she herself is suffering from a degenerative disease which threatens to leave her in a vegetative state.

The other, Rosa (Lola Duenas), is equally intent on convincing Ramon that he still has much to live for. An unlikely romantic triangle evolves, resulting in a tender tug-of-war for his brain and his heart.

Ramon never really wavers much in his conviction. However, he does inspire others to appreciate what they have, even if he has long since given up hope. So, besides addressing the obvious question of freedom of choice for the irreversibly ill, *The Sea Inside* makes statements about the meaning of loyalty, love, fear, justice, morality, relationship, friendship, and life itself.

Javier Bardem rises to the challenge of conveying a full range of emotions from the neck up. Director Amenabar assists a bit via several escapes into magical realism during daydream



A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH: Quadriplegic Ramon Sampedro (Javier Bardem, left) discusses ways of achieving his desired goal of legalized euthanasia for himself with his attorney, who is also his close friend, Julia (Belén Rueda).

(Photo by Teresa Isasi, © Fine Line Features)

sequences.

Very Good (★★★). Rated PG-13 for mature themes. In Spanish, Catalan, and Galician with subtitles. Running time: 125 minutes. Distributor: Fine Line Features.

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AT THE CINEMA

The Aviator (PG-13 for nudity, sexual content, mature themes, profanity, and a crash sequence). Martin Scorsese tapped Leonardo DiCaprio to play Howard Hughes in this biopic about the enterprising, eccentric playboy who parlayed a modest inheritance into a massive fortune. With Kate Beckinsale as Ava Gardner, Cate Blanchett as Katherine Hepburn, Jude Law as Errol Flynn, Gwen Stefani as Jean Harlow, Jane Lynch as Amelia Earhart, Stanley DeSantis as Louis B. Mayer, and Michael-John Wolf as Cary Grant.

Because of Winn-Dixie (PG for adult themes and epithets). Based on the children's novel of the same name, this family drama follows the adventures of a 10-year-old girl (AnnaSophia Robb), abandoned by her mother, who moves with her preacher father (Jeff Daniels) to Florida where she heals with the help of the stray dog she adopts.

Be Cool (PG-13 for sex, expletives, sensuality and violence). Adapted from the Elmore Leonard novel of the same name, John Travolta, Harvey Keitel, and Danny DeVito reprise their roles in this sequel to *Get Shorty*. The cast features Cedric the Entertainer, Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn, Steven Tyler, Christina Milian, and The Rock in a crime comedy about the efforts of a strong-armed debt collector to romance a music industry heiress.

Being Julia (R for sexuality). Romance drama, set in London in the 1930s, features Annette Bening as an aging stage actress who, at the height of her career, takes refuge from a stale marriage in an illicit love affair with an ardent American admirer half her age.

Bride and Prejudice (PG-13 for sexual references). Bollywood meets Hollywood in this musical version of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Here, it's Mrs. Bakshi (Nadira Babbar) who's the meddling mother intent on finding appropriate suitors like the well-heeled Will Darcy (Martin Henderson) for her four beautiful daughters. In English, Hindi, and Punjabi with subtitles.

Constantine (R for violence and demonic images). Horror film, adapted from the comic book series, stars Keanu Reeves in the title role as John Constantine Hellblazer, a mysterious, misfit detective who teams up with a female cop (Rachel Weisz) to solve the murder of her twin sister. With Djimon Hounsou and Tilda Swinton.

Cursed (Rated PG-13 for horror violence, terror, sexual references, nudity, profanity, and a drug reference). Wes Craven (director) and Kevin Williamson (screenwriter) reunite to collaborate on another high body-count, teen screamer, this about a malevolent werewolf on the loose in Los Angeles. The cast includes Christina Ricci, Joshua Eisenberg, Omar Epps, Shannon Elizabeth, James Brolin, Lance Bass, Sheila E., Scott Baio, Craig Kilborn, Jillian Barberie, and Freddie Prinze, Jr.

Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13 for drug content, mature themes, sexual references, and violence). Dysfunctional family comedy starring Kimberly Elise as a just-jilted housewife trying to land on her feet after being kicked out of the house by a husband (Steve Harris) who is dumping her for her best friend. With Shemar Moore and Cicely Tyson.

Finding Neverland (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind Peter Pan, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman and Julie Christie.

Hitch (PG-13 for profanity and sexual references). Unlikely-buddy comedy with Will Smith as a date doctor doling out advice to a geek (Kevin James) going after the glamorous girl (Amber Valletta) of his dreams. Cast includes Eva Mendes, Michael Rapaport, and Adam Arkin.

Hostage (R for profanity, drug use, and violence). Bruce Willis stars in this gritty crime thriller as a burnt out suburban police chief who has to handle the hostage negotiations for a carjacking turned kidnapping which comes to involve his wife and daughter. Sixteen-year-old Rumer Willis co-stars.

The Jacket (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Adrien Brody stars in this futuristic thriller about a clairvoyant Gulf War veteran, unfairly imprisoned for murder, who's in a rush to prove his innocence before his impending execution by the State of Vermont. Keira Knightley co-stars as the childhood friend who helps the condemned man crack the case.

Man of the House (PG-13 for violence, sexual content, crude humor, and a drug reference). Tommy Lee Jones takes the title role in this humor-driven action flick as a Texas Ranger assigned to go undercover to protect a team of cheerleaders who have witnessed a murder protection program. Cedric the Entertainer comes aboard for some comic relief.

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and adult themes). Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this fight film about an ex-boxer who, with the help of a wise, one-eyed janitor (Morgan Freeman), grudgingly trains a woman (Hilary Swank) who wants to be a contender. Landed Best Picture, Director, and a trio of acting Oscar nominations, one for each of the above thespians.

The Pacifier (PG for violence, crude humor, and mild epithets). Vin Diesel plays Mr. Step-Mom in this kiddie comedy about a Navy Seal assigned to 'protect' the five uncontrollable children of a government scientist assassinated while working on a top secret project.

The Passion of the Christ (R for graphic violence). Lenten season re-release of Mel Gibson's controversial re-enactment of the last 12 hours in the life of Christ, starring Jim Caviezel as Jesus, Monica Belucci as Mary Magdalene and Rosalinda Celentano as the Devil.

Robots (PG for mild epithets and suggestive humor). The filmmakers who brought us *Ice Age* fast-forward to the future for this computer generated animated adventure about the attempt of a diabolical corporation to frustrate the efforts of a boy genius (Ewan McGregor) to program all robots for good. Voicework includes Mel Brooks, Halle Berry, Robin Williams, Drew Carey, D. L. Hughley, Greg Kinnear, Jennifer Coolidge, Carson Daly, Conan O'Brien, Amanda Bynes, Stanley Tucci, Jamie Kennedy, and Paul Giamatti.

The Sea Inside (PG-13 for mature themes). Javier Bardem stars in this real-life tale about Ramon Sampedro, a young sailor paralyzed from the neck down by a diving accident, who then waged a three-decade campaign for the right to die, while inspiring those around him to appreciate life fully. In Spanish, Catalan, and Galician.

Sideways (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Mid-life crisis comedy with Paul Giamatti as an unpublished writer who embarks on an exploration of women and relationships in the California wine country with his old college roommate, a washed-up actor (Thomas Haden Church), who is going to be married in one week.

San of the Mask (PG for action violence, crude and suggestive humor, and epithets). Sequel sans Jim Carrey has Jamie Kennedy as a cartoonist whose infant son has a magical mask. Cast includes Alan Cumming, Bob Hoskins and Ben Stein.

—Kam Williams

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Sports

Slow Start Dooms Tiger Men's Lacrosse In Defeat to Top-Ranked Johns Hopkins

Scott Sowanick has been focusing on loosening up on the field as he has prepared for his sophomore season with the Princeton University men's lacrosse team.

During his freshman year, Sowanick had to overcome some first-year jitters on his way to a 13-goal, 10-assist debut campaign as he helped Princeton reach the NCAA Final Four.

Last Saturday, however, Sowanick and his teammates were tight as a drum as they started their season by falling behind 6-0 to top-ranked Johns Hopkins before a record crowd of 6,325 at Class of 1952 Stadium.

With Princeton's offense as chilly as the six-foot snowbanks surrounding the field, Sowanick sparked the third-ranked Tigers, flying in for a spectacular goal on a jump shot with 6:52 left in the second period. Sowanick added two more scores in the quarter to help the Tigers close within 7-3 at the half.

After Princeton saw the deficit increase to 9-3, Sowanick helped the Tigers put

together a late rush over the last 10 minutes of the contest. Sowanick, Jason Doneger, and Whitney Hayes all found the back of the cage to narrow the final margin to 9-6.

In reflecting on the setback, Sowanick asserted that he and his teammates had to open things up, particularly in the wake of the graduation of Ryan Boyle, the gifted playmaker who quarterbacked Princeton's attack the last four seasons.

"I think some of us don't have a choice to be tight anymore," said Sowanick, whose four goals established a new single-game career high for the attacker from Bethesda, Md. "If you have a team full of tight players, you're not going to succeed. I'm trying to stay as loose as possible and be the best player I can be."

Sowanick acknowledged that the Tigers will need to get off to quicker starts if they are going to be the best they can be. "Hopkins came out early and put up a bunch of goals and that put us in a hole," explained Sowanick. "We've been told that you need to come out and you need to be the spark. I



GREAT SCOTT: Princeton University sophomore attacker Scott Sowanick, left, looks for daylight against a Johns Hopkins defender in the Tigers' 9-6 loss to the Blue Jays in the season opener for both teams. Sowanick fired in a career-high four goals in a losing cause. The seventh-ranked Tigers are next in action when they play at No. 2 Virginia on March 12. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



UNDER FIRE: Princeton University senior goalie Matt Larkin tries to thwart Johns Hopkins' attacker Kyle Barrie last Saturday in Princeton's 9-6 defeat to top-ranked Hopkins. Larkin made five saves as he came in to relieve starter Dave Law in the second quarter. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

guess what we learned from this is that you need to be the team to get ahead early."

The Tigers' rally in the second half did give Sowanick some cause for optimism. "Usually anytime you get together at half-time you do a little first half analysis," said Sowanick. "We filled in some holes and it worked out for us, just not enough. We played our hearts out."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney lamented his club's slow start. "We didn't have the ball much," said Tierney, who credited Hopkins' All-American Kyle Harrison with setting the tone for the Blue Jays with an early goal and assist. "We were a little on our heels; we weren't clearing the ball well. When we did get it, we were a little tight."

Tierney, though, did take some solace in the fact that the match-up didn't degenerate into a rout like the 2004 season opener when Hopkins whipped the Tigers 14-5.

"The kids really stepped up, you've got to give them credit for that," said Tierney, referring to the latter stages of the game.

"In the second half, I felt we played harder. We showed energy, going after ground balls. I thought in stretches there we played very good defense. Last year, they made us look inept. I didn't feel that today. I was happy that we didn't step back and play scared."

The Hall of Fame coach thought he got a spark from Sowanick. "We're going to have to be better, certainly Scotty stepped up his

game," said Tierney, who has guided Princeton to six national titles since taking over the program in 1988. "He did some nice things, he didn't play scared out there."

Princeton will have to play without fear on March 12 when they head south to take on second-ranked Virginia, who stunned Syracuse 12-11 last weekend in the Carrier Dome.

"Virginia causes different problems than Hopkins," asserted Tierney. "It's a real come-at-you style of defense. They are very athletic, they push the ball up the field. You hope that with a young team like ours, now that the first one is out of the way, they can get going. Next Saturday night down in Charlottesville isn't going to be any easier than today."

Sowanick, for his part, is confident that the Tigers will do what it takes to get on the right track next week and down the road.

"Monday is our biggest practice day, we're going to get after it," vowed Sowanick. "We're going to continue that all the way up until we play Virginia. We're definitely going to have a chip on our shoulder. We'll be there at the end of the year."

With Sowanick at full throttle, the Tigers should emerge as a force, like usual, when May rolls around.

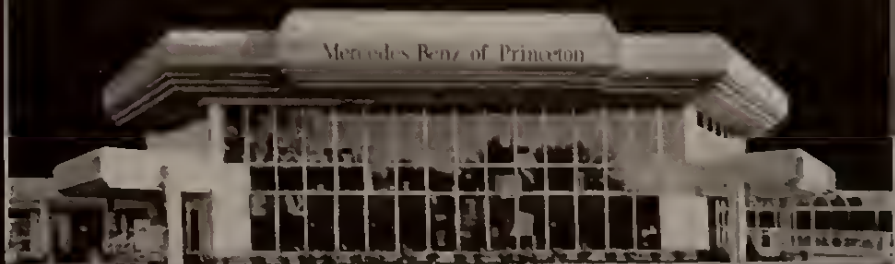
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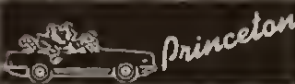


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Princeton Men's Hoops Shows Character In Achieving its First Ivy Weekend Sweep

The crowd at Jadwin Gym had turned restless last Saturday night as the Princeton University men's basketball team headed into the dressing room trailing Dartmouth by a point at the half.

Hungry for some excitement, the 4,800 in attendance got a jolt at halftime as the 1964-1965 Tiger men's basketball squad was honored for reaching the Final Four 40 years ago this month.

Many in the crowd stood and cheered as eight of the players from that storied club were introduced.

The loudest roar came when the ninth player, all-time Princeton scoring leader and former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, walked out to center court, grinning broadly and waving to the crowd.

With the gym still buzzing from the halftime festivities, the 2004-05 Tigers showed some of the aggressiveness and skill of their legendary predecessors over the last 20 minutes of the contest.

Princeton held the Big Green to 36.8 percent shooting from the floor in the second half while hitting 56.3 percent of its shots and 16-of-20 free throws as it pulled away to a 65-54 win.

The win gave the Tigers their first weekend sweep of the season and sent them into their March 8 season finale against visiting Ivy League champ Penn with a 15-12 overall record and a 6-7 mark in league play.

Princeton head coach Joe Scott was heartened by how his squad rose to the occasion

in the second half.

"I thought we were a little lackluster in the first half, mostly defensively," said Scott, whose team had started the weekend with a 66-44 rout of Harvard on Friday.

"That's what we talked about at halftime, being more aggressive defensively, going after the ball, and not letting them get second shots. I thought there was an immediate pick-up in the second half. I thought we played a pretty good 20 minutes, it was a hard game."

Scott credited senior guard Will Venable with being a catalyst in Princeton's second half surge. "I thought in the second half tonight that Will came out and there was a distinct difference in his defensive presence," said Scott of

the 6'3 senior, who scored a game-high 19 points to bring him to 999 points in his Tiger career with one regular season game remaining. "Will's overall effort in the second half was really good. He played well all weekend."

Venable, for his part, took pride in fighting through the frustration that has characterized this winter.

"It's been tough," acknowledged Venable in reflecting on a season which has seen the Tigers go from prohibitive favorites to repeat as Ivy champs to league also-rans.

"It's been a character test for all of us. To do what we have after being down, I'm proud of myself and my team. We're showing character and that we're not going to give up."

In Venable's view, the team's strong weekend was the product of defensive intensity. "It's all about defense and sustaining it," asserted Venable, who had five rebounds and a steal in the win over Dartmouth.

"Obviously in the losses earlier to Penn, Harvard, and Dartmouth we played really well for 30 minutes and then everything just fell apart. So just being able to sustain it and compete for 40 minutes and stick with the things we're trying to do was the difference."

Scott believes the seniors' intensity over the last few weeks has made a difference as the Tigers have fought to prevent the program from posting its first-ever losing season in Ivy play.

"I think that they are working really hard," declared Scott, referring to his group of seniors. "It's important to them to win these last three home games. The guys were digging in and it paid off for them tonight."

Venable, who will be heading to Princeton's baseball team after winding up his basketball career, is determined to get the most out of his final moments on the court.

"I've just been thinking that these are the last opportunities I'm going to have to be on the floor," said Venable in a quiet tone.

"It's something I thought about as I'm preparing for the game each day. I'm just trying to keep it in my head — just don't be sorry at the end of the game, put everything out there that you could."

While Venable won't be going to the Final Four, he has certainly demonstrated a spirit that would resonate with the members of the 1964-65 team on hand last Saturday.

—Bill Alden



CHARACTER BUILDER: Princeton senior star Will Venable fires up a jumper last Saturday on his way to a game-high 19 points in the Tigers' 65-54 win over Dartmouth. Venable ended the evening with 999 points in his Princeton career as he helped the Tigers post their first weekend sweep of the Ivy League season. The Tigers will bring a 15-12 overall record and a 6-7 mark in league play into their March 8 season finale against visiting Penn, this year's Ivy League champs.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



WELCOME BACK: Princeton basketball legend Bill Bradley, center, celebrates with former coach Bill van Breda Kolff, left, and former teammate and current Princeton Athletics Director Gary Walters at halftime last Saturday at Jadwin Gym. Bradley was in town as part of a celebration honoring the 1964-1965 Tiger men's basketball squad which reached the Final Four 40 years ago this month. In addition to Bradley and Walters, other members of that legendary team on hand for the festivities included Robby Brown, Ed Hummer, Bill Kingston, Bill Koch, Dan Roth, and Ken Shank.

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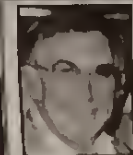
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FORWARD MARCH: Princeton sophomore guard Shelly Slemple leaves an Army defender in her wake in the Tigers' 64-53 win over the Black Knights earlier in the season. Slemple broke into the starting line-up late in the season and helped the Tigers nearly double their win total this season as they finished 13-14 (5-9 Ivy) after a 7-20 campaign in 2003-04.

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Tiger Women's Hoops Made Strides; Sees Greater Success on the Horizon

Richard Barron will tell you that he is a tough man to please.

Although his Princeton University women's basketball team finished this season at 13-14, a solid improvement from the 7-20 record posted in 2003-04, Barron wanted more.

"My nature is that I expect a lot," said Barron, whose club went 5-9 in Ivy League play to finish fifth in the league standings. "My initial reaction is that 13-14 is disappointing. I think 18-9 was easily attainable. We had a lot of close games and if we could've won some of them, things could've been different."

Still, the fourth-year head coach acknowledged that the program is heading in the right direction. "We definitely improved," said Barron. "We were much more competitive. I think we made strides. The lessons we learned are something we can build on. The kids were learning from the situations as the season went on."

The Tigers learned how far they have to go to be a title contender in the last weekend of the season as they fell 71-49 at second place Harvard on Friday and then dropped a 78-63 decision at league leader Dartmouth a night later.

"In the first half against Harvard, we beat ourselves," said Barron, reflecting on the season's final weekend. "We made four or five turnovers that led to baskets and we missed some lay-ups. We played a very good first half against Dartmouth but turnovers killed us. They made a

good run at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half. We cut the lead to five and then they made another impressive run."

Barron believes he has the talent on hand to make an impressive run next winter. The Tigers only lose one senior, Kristin Lynch, and should return such standouts as juniors Becky Brown, Lauren Nestor, and Katy O'Brien, sophomores Casey Lockwood, Elyse Umeda, and Shelly Slemple and a trio of blue-chip freshmen in Meg Cowher, Ariel Rogers, and Ali Prichard.

Brown passed the 1,000-point mark in her career and averaged a team-high 13.8 points per game. O'Brien was one of the Ivy League's leading three-point shooters as she hit on 41 percent (61-for-150) of her attempts beyond the arc and averaged 8.4 points a game. Lockwood made strides late in the season as she fought back from a knee injury that sidelined her until late January.

Cowher made an immediate impact as she scored 11.1 points a game and was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week on four occasions. Rogers came on late and earned Ivy League Rookie of the Week honors herself. Prichard showed promise as she scored a career-high 17 points in Princeton's loss to Harvard last weekend.

"I'm excited about the next couple of months," said Barron, noting that his team will have spring workout sessions, a June camp, and then a team trip to Europe in August. "I see a cohesiveness and consistency. Everybody is back and we have some good kids coming. I feel so much better about where we are at the end of this year as opposed to the end of last season."

And if things keep progressing for his program, Barron may even feel satisfied at the end of next season.

—Bill Alden



INSIDE TRADER: Princeton University junior center Becky Brown puts up a shot down low in Princeton's win over Army in early January. Brown's inside scoring was a main factor as the Tigers improved to 13-14 this season after going 7-20 in 2003-04. Brown averaged a team-high 13.8 points a game and passed the 1,000-point mark in her Princeton career.

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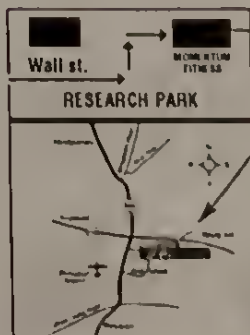
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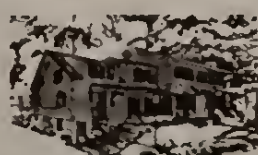
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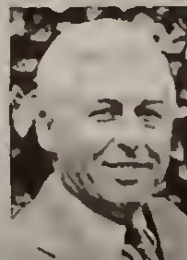


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FINISHING KICK: Princeton University senior star Lindsey Biles, right, looks to control the ball last Saturday in the Tigers' 9-6 win over Johns Hopkins. Shrugging off a nagging knee injury, Biles scored four goals in the second half as second-ranked Princeton overcame a 5-4 halftime deficit to edge the sixth-ranked Blue Jays. Kathleen Miller added two goals for the Tigers while Mary Minshall, Elizabeth Pillion, and former Lawrenceville School star Katie Lewis-Lamonica chipped in one apiece. Princeton is next in action when it hosts Loyola on March 13.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton Baseball Drops Doubleheader

Despite a big day from Ryan Eldridge, the Princeton University baseball team dropped a season-opening doubleheader at the University of Richmond last Sunday.

Eldridge hit two homers and had five RBIs in the twinbill but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 7-6 in the opener and then dropped the nightcap 2-1.

In upcoming action, the Tigers play games at William & Mary on March 11, 12, and 13 before playing at Longwood on March 14 and at North Carolina on March 15.

Princeton Softball Off to 4-1 Start

Princeton freshman pitcher Kristen Schaus made quite a collegiate debut as she twirled a no-hitter in the Tigers 9-0 win over Elon last Saturday in the East Carolina Pirate Clash in Greenville, N.C.

Schaus struck out six in her gem and got offensive support from Erin Snyder who slugged a homer and added five RBIs. Earlier in the day, the Tigers had beaten East Carolina 3-0.

On Sunday, Princeton couldn't keep up the magic as it dropped a 5-1 decision to Elon in the single elimination phase of the tourney. Lindsay Motal hit a homer to account for Princeton's only run as the Tigers fell to 4-1 on the season.

The Tigers play at Santa Clara on March 11, compete in the National Invitational in San Jose, Calif. on March 12-13, and then play St. Mary's on March 14 and UC Davis on March 15.

en's water polo team topped four league opponents last weekend in games played in Salem, W.Va.

The Tigers outscored their competition 53-16 as they topped Salem International twice (13-3, 15-7) and then beat Maryland (16-2) and Bucknell (9-4). Elyse Colgan tallied 11 goals over the weekend while Carolina Ardila chipped in nine. Natalie Kim and Shannon DeVore both looked sharp in splitting time in goal.

Princeton, now 13-4, plays UCLA and UC San Diego on March 12 and San Diego State and Bucknell on March 13 with all four games to be played in San Diego, Calif.

Tiger Wrestler Butler Makes Nationals

Princeton junior Jake Butler produced a stellar effort to lead the Tiger wrestling team to an 11th place finish in the 2005 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships last weekend in Annapolis, Md.

Butler placed fourth at the EIWA meet and then claimed an at-large bid to the upcoming NCAA championships, which will begin on March 17 in St. Louis. Butler is the first Tiger wrestler to qualify for the NCAA meet since Greg Parker in 2003.

Tiger Women's Hockey Falls in ECAC Playoffs

Unable to recover from a 3-1 third period deficit, the Princeton University women's ice hockey team fell 4-2 at Yale last Saturday to get eliminated 2-0 in an ECAC Hockey League quarterfinal playoff series.

Dina McCumber and hockey team fell 4-2 at St. Heather Jackson scored for Lawrence last Saturday to get Princeton which finished the eliminated 2-0 in an ECAC season with a 16-10-3 record. Hockey League first-round Tiger All-Ivy goalie Roxanne Gaudiel recorded 26 saves to help keep Princeton in the game.

Princeton Men's Hockey Eliminated in Playoffs

Dustin Sproat scored twice but it wasn't enough as the Princeton University men's ice

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Tiger Men's Swimming Takes 2nd at EISL
A stellar effort from sprint star Will Reinhardt was not enough as the Princeton University men's swimming team placed second behind Harvard last weekend at the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League (EISL) championship meet held at Cambridge, Mass.

In the team standings, the Crimson totalled 1460 points to outdistance runner-up Princeton with 1363.5 points and third-place Columbia (1040.5).

Reinhardt took the 100 freestyle last Saturday in the final session of the three-day competition. Earlier in the meet, he had won the 50 free.

Tiger Star El-Halaby Makes Squash History
Adding another line to his already glittering resume, Princeton University junior Yasser El-Halaby swept Yale's Julian Illingworth 9-6, 9-2, 9-1 last Sunday in Hanover, N.H. to win the national squash individual championship.

It was the third straight national title for El-Halaby, making him the first male player to ever achieve that distinction.

El-Halaby, a native of Cairo, Egypt, wasn't the only Tiger to shine last weekend as sophomore teammate Vincent Wu captured the Malloy Trophy, given to the winner of the 'B' bracket at the competition.

Tiger Women's Water Polo Posts Strong Weekend
Combining a powerful attack with a stingy defense, the Princeton University women's

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LATE SHOW: Princeton High sophomore forward Peter Teifer sends the puck up the ice in PHS' 6-5 overtime victory against Morris Hills last Thursday in the Public state tournament. Teifer scored the game-tying goal with 1:06 left in regulation and then assisted on Sam Finnell's game-winning goal in overtime. The 20th seeded Little Tigers will now play No. 4 Chatham on March 9 at the Mennen Arena in Morristown. The winner of that matchup will advance to the state quarterfinals.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



POINT MAN: Princeton High junior Brad Carduner (No. 2) unloads from the point last Thursday in PHS' 6-5 overtime win against Morris Hills in the Public state tournament. Carduner had a goal in the victory which lifted the Little Tigers to 19-4-1 on the season.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS Boys' Hockey Shows Resilience; Goes Overtime to Advance in States

As the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team headed into the third period of its Public state tournament opener last Thursday with Morris Hills knotted at 3-3, PHS head coach Paul Merrow had a distinct sense of déjà vu.

Just six days earlier, the Little Tigers had headed into the third period of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) championship game locked in a 2-2 tie with Notre Dame. PHS came through that night to take the MCT title in a 3-2 overtime thriller.

"Here we go again," said Merrow, recalling his thoughts as his club fought Morris Hills in the third period of the contest which was played at the Mennen Arena in Morristown. "It was give a goal, get a goal. We were always coming back."

With two minutes left in regulation, PHS trailed Morris Hills 5-4 and was staring elimination in the face. "I told them this was it," said Merrow, who pulled goalie Shane Leuck to get an extra skater on the ice. "You might have two minutes left in the season."

Showing the resilience that has characterized the Little

Tigers all winter, Peter Teifer scored with 1:06 left in the third period to tie the game at 5-5 and force overtime.

In the extra session, PHS gave more evidence of its grit. Goalie Leuck made a dazzling save on a breakaway and then PHS' top line took control. Swooping down the ice on a 2-on-1, Teifer passed the puck to Sam Finnell, who banged home the game-winner 8:11 into overtime.

In reflecting on the win which lifted PHS to a 19-4-1 record, Merrow praised his players for how they've taken care of business over the home stretch of the season.

"They know what's expected of them," added Merrow, who got a goal apiece from Teifer, Finnell, John Ryan, Nick Brener, Derek Bronsteen, and Brad Carduner in the victory over Morris Hills. "They know it and they pull together. They have been playing loose since the Mercer County Tournament. We're playing just good enough to win."

Merrow credited Teifer with giving his team a special spark in recent play. "Peter has been solid," said Merrow of the sophomore forward who had three assists to go with his game-tying goal last Thursday. "We've been breaking the first line at times and he's been scoring by himself on the second line."

The PHS defense also came up big when it counted. "Shane has been so solid," said Merrow referring to goalie Leuck, who recorded 17 saves last Thursday. "Christian McCracken and Brad Carduner have been playing really good defense and helping with the scoring."

PHS, the 20th seed in the state tournament, will play No. 4 Chatham on March 9 at the Mennen Arena for a chance to advance to the state quarterfinals. Merrow, for his part, believes his team has nothing to lose.

"They feel like they are up to the challenge," asserted Merrow. "We're playing with house money now. We just need to do our best and see what happens."

If PHS can keep up its clutch play, Merrow may have some more pleasant visions of déjà vu.

—Bill Alden

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a. The Cause: The reasons for not setting clear boundaries may be many.

i. Perhaps your brother and sister-in-law both work, get home late, and want to spend more time with their children.

ii. Or, maybe they have such little time with them, they do not want to use that time lighting with their children about going to bed, or may fear that setting clear limits may mar their images as being nurturing and loving.

iii. They may also want to counter what they themselves experienced growing up as repressive by allowing their own children to be more expressive.

b. The Result: The problem is that your brother and sister-in-law may be unwittingly crossing the boundary line between constructive and destructive freedom. The former encourages a child to attempt sailing into the lands of creativity and autonomy, but with the foreknowledge that parents are watching and guiding the journey. The latter removes too much of the safety net underneath these flights, causing children to either unnecessarily be hurt or labeled.

Expressing one's self is great, but telling a teacher that he or she is "an asshole", skipping school due to a fake tummy ache, experimenting with what a coke poured over a laptop computer will do, or demanding to come home whenever they want without calling, can get them in a world of trouble and labeled by their uncle as "brats".

2. YOUR MESSAGE: Dragging me into the argument with your brother and sister-in-law to bolster your case will only further alienate you from them, and get them so delensive as to be unable to hear what you are trying to say. Instead, help them to consider what they really want and the kids really need.

As regards what they really want, it is time with and love from their children. There are more creative ways than allowing a 6-year old to stay up until 11 PM, the grumpy, next-day behavior from an overtired child being an indication that more quality time on the weekend than guilty time on a weeknight might be the answer.

As regards the needs of the children, not setting guidelines is actually hurting rather than loving their kids, making their children think that being disrespectful is somehow permissible, and giving their children the insecure feeling that they are running the show instead of their parents. Will your brother and sister-in-law lose their children's love? No. Will they gain their respect? Yes.

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GUIDING LIGHT: Princeton High girls' basketball coach Nikki Inzano makes a point to her charges during a timeout in recent action. Inzano's steady leadership helped the Little Tigers finish this season with a 9-15 mark, a marked improvement on the 3-20 record the program posted in 2003-04.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Dedication Yielded New Confidence As PHS Girls' Hoops Tripled Win Total

When the Princeton High girls' basketball team won its first three games this season, the Little Tigers matched their win total for all of the 2003-04 season.

While PHS struggled a little bit after that auspicious start, the club righted itself and finished the season at 9-15, thereby tripling its win total from a year earlier.

In assessing her team's campaign, PHS head coach Nikki Inzano was proud of how far the Little Tigers progressed. "It was a breakthrough season," asserted Inzano, noting

that the program hadn't won nine games in a season since the late 1990s. "That good start gave us confidence. They stepped it up when they needed to, whether in games or in practice."

Before the season even started, Inzano had a feeling it wouldn't be business as usual for a program that had struggled mightily in recent seasons.

"It was a lot of hard work in the summer," said Inzano, a former basketball star at Temple who has now completed two years at the helm of the

PHS girls' squad.

"They were committed to playing basketball; the young kids were really dedicated. They were also more familiar with me. In my first year, they didn't know what I wanted."

The Little Tigers' increased self-confidence caused their foes to start looking at them in a different light. "When we would walk into an opponent's gym, they would have to think twice about us," declared Inzano. "They knew it was not going to be a walkthrough like in the past."

Inzano, for her part, pointed to a pair of home losses to powerful Notre Dame and Trenton as evidence of her team's improvement.

"We played Notre Dame and Trenton at home and played them to within 16 points," recalled Inzano. "Most teams couldn't stay within 20 of those teams. I think that showed the girls that they could really compete."

One of PHS' best competitors this winter was Erin Cook, who averaged 16 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game for the Little Tigers.

"Erin was always asking me what can I do to get better," said Inzano of the sharp-shooting junior who poured in a career-high 29 points in a loss to South Hunterdon in late January. "She got into a rut a couple of times and I told her to shoot, a shooter has to shoot."

Another key component in the PHS renaissance was athletic sophomore Kelly Curtis. "Kelly is so fast," said Inzano referring to Curtis, who is a versatile performer for the PHS track team. "She just needs to play a little more under control and work on making her power lay-ups."

Inzano also got a powerful contribution from her quartet of seniors — Kamillah Parker, Zoe Samak, Tiffany Schuler, and Sarah La Voie.

"The seniors had a great attitude and they really pushed each other," added Inzano, noting that PHS might have won even more games this winter if floor leader Samak hadn't been slowed by a gimpy ankle for most of the season. "They made an impact; they really knew what they wanted."

PHS' seniors ended their careers on a high note as they helped the Little Tigers finish the season by topping Lawrence 38-34 in a Mercer County Tournament consolation game.

"I think they were just happy that they could end with a win," said Inzano. "It was big step forward. There was a sense of closure. We started the season with a win over Lawrence and we ended the season with a win over Lawrence."

If the Little Tigers build on what they accomplished this winter, next year's seniors may be finishing their careers with an appearance in the state tournament.

—Bill Alden

Struggling Through Trying Times, PHS Boys' Hoops Gained Character

The Murphy's Law stating that anything that can go wrong, will go wrong certainly applied to the Princeton High boys' basketball team this winter.

Days before the season started last December, versatile senior Rich Wilson was shot in an incident in Trenton and lost for the season.

Struggling to deal with the emotional fallout from Wilson's situation, the Little Tigers staggered out of the gate with a 1-6 start. In mid-January, just as the team was showing signs of progress, PHS lost senior point guard Marcus Brown and junior star Ben Guervil.

Unable to make up for the three players lost, the undermanned Little Tigers staggered home with a 4-19 final mark.

In reflecting on the season, PHS head coach Dave Kosa acknowledged that it was a bumpy ride.

"We were going into the season with high hopes," said Kosa. "The thing that happened to Rich really deflated us emotionally. The kids were starting to play better in the middle of the season and then we lost Marcus to a broken nose and then we lost Ben after the PDS game. Rich and Marcus were our only seniors and Ben scored 29 and 27 points in the two games before we lost him."

The players that remained picked up some hard on-court lessons. "The kids learned what varsity basketball is all about and how hard you have to work," maintained Kosa, who just completed his third

year guiding the Little Tigers.

"Physically, we didn't match up to most of the teams we played. They were taller, quicker, and stronger. We need to get into the weight room and get stronger."

Kosa is happy with the progress that several of his underclassmen made under trying circumstances. "Casey Huckel had a decent year, he really stepped up," said Kosa.

"Anthony Brown gave us a lift at times. Clinton Winder moved to point guard. He is one of our quickest guys and he did some good things. Dan Mawn stepped into a leadership role. He did things that don't show up in the box score. He dove for loose balls, he boxed out. He did things that we really needed."

As the Little Tigers head into the offseason, Kosa said his charges need to take a page out of Mawn's book. "We need to work hard," added Kosa, who noted that the talent base for his club should be helped by the fact that PHS' freshman and junior varsity programs have improved in recent seasons.

"We need to do what we did

last year. We played in the Princeton Rec Department league with the adults which prepared us physically. We also played in the Mercer County summer league and won that. We'll put the kids in camps, try to get them as much work as possible."

In Kosa's view, his returning players will be helped character-wise by what they went through this winter. "Things happen for a reason," said Kosa, who credited assistant coaches Dale Florio, Jeff Clark, and Shahid Abdul-Karim with helping to hold things together this season. "The kids learned life lessons in addition to what they learned on the court. Hopefully, that will help them down the road."

—Bill Alden

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PDS Boys' Hoops Fell Into Rut; Aims to Increase Commitment

For Ahmed El-Nokali, badly down the season's coaching the Princeton Day School stretch drive as it lost nine of school boys' basketball team their final 10 games to finish his winter turned into a pain- with a final record of 7-18.

El-Nokali, a former star of the Panthers came into the point guard at Princeton University with an inexperienced versatility, found the losing partnership and then suffered key particularly hard to take since he injuries as they struggled to had never been involved in a losing season at any level.

Unable to cope with that "It was tough," said El-Nokali, PDS faltered Nokali in reflecting on the

tough winter. "Losing never gets easy. Every game we lost was painful. It was painful to see the kids go through that."

El-Nokali, who has guided the Panthers to the state Prep B title game in his debut season in 2003-04, acknowledged that the steady stream of defeats took its toll on his squad's psyche.

"When a young team gets in a situation like that, things can spiral," explained El-Nokali. "It becomes a mental thing where they start to lose their confidence. It gets to the point where they are trying everything to get out of it."

Despite the losses, the PDS players kept their noses to the grindstone. "The effort-level and commitment-level increased as the season went on," asserted El-Nokali. "I think that was the function of different guys getting more minutes."

In El-Nokali's view, one of the key lessons to come out of this winter's disappointment will be the importance of a year-round commitment to the game.

"The guys realize that they just can't pick up the basketball for four months a year," said El-Nokali, who starred himself last summer in the Princeton Recreation Department's summer league. "You have to work on your game over the summer. I think that most of the kids will put in the time."

One Panther who is sure to hit the court this summer is star guard Drew Godwin, who had a big junior year as he led PDS in scoring with 18.9 points a game and achieved the 1,000-point milestone in his career in the Panthers' final game.

"Drew is a talented player, passing the 1,000-point mark by his junior year is a tremendous accomplishment," said

El-Nokali, noting that Godwin has his sights set on playing college basketball.

"This is the most important off-season of his life. He needs to get a little stronger and a little quicker. He needs to work on his ballhandling. At the next level, he will play point guard and he needs to have total mastery of the ball."

Unfortunately, Godwin and his teammates won't have El-Nokali around next season to guide them as he has decided to forego coaching in order to go to business school.

While El-Nokali acknowledged that his coaching experience wasn't always a smooth ride, he's going to miss his players.

"There are definitely highs and lows," said El-Nokali, noting that his team's incredible stretch drive in 2003-04 was balanced out by this season's late struggles.

"Sports are not just about wins and losses. It's about the relationships I built with the team. They are really good kids. I think I've developed as a person and they have developed too. I definitely would like to coach again when the time is right."

Obviously, El-Nokali isn't going to let the pain he experienced this winter color his view of coaching.

—Bill Alden

PDS Girls' Hoops Showed Flashes, Needs to Develop Consistency

Although the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team got frustrated at times as it battled through a 2-19 campaign this winter, its players never lost the desire to improve.

"It's tough when you win only two games," said PDS head coach Sue Repko in reflecting on the season. "I think the girls still enjoyed the season. My assistant coach Rob Tuckman and I tried to be positive. We stressed what they have to do to get better. Overall, as individuals, the kids really stepped up."

By the end of the season, each member of the PDS starting cast which included Ellen Cook, Ashley Chappo, Keely Langdon, Meg Francfort, and Hannah Epstein, had nights where they hit double figures.

"The starters all had some big games," recalled Repko, who has now completed two years at the helm of the PDS girls' program. "Meg had a season-high of 17 in our last game. Keely had games of 18 and 16. I think Hannah's high point game was 14. The offense really got better. We had 20 points in a quarter against Timothy Christian. Earlier in the season, we were having trouble scoring 20

points in a game."

In order to produce more wins next season, the PDS starters need to come up with those big games on a more frequent basis. "They've shown their capabilities," said Repko, who noted that such reserves as Erin Burns, Claire Alsop, and Tova Ferstenberg all made strides through the season.

"The challenge is to do it every game on a consistent basis. We had some close games. We could have won three-to-five more games. Those are the games we have to win next year. We also need to get closer to other teams."

Repko is confident that her players will put in the time over the off-season to further hone their skills. "Some of the girls are going to try out for AAU," said Repko, a Princeton University graduate who played point guard for the Tiger women's program.

"We may try to go to a camp as a team. To improve as a team, you need to improve your individual skills and bring that to the team. They have to go out there on their own and work on individual stuff."

—Bill Alden



PASSING A MILESTONE: Princeton Day School junior star Drew Godwin passes the ball in the Panthers' loss to Pennington in early January. Godwin was a bright spot in a tough season for PDS, which lost nine of its last 10 games in finishing with a 7-18 record. Godwin averaged 18.9 points a game and passed the 1,000-point mark in his PDS career.

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SHOOTING GALLERY: Princeton Day School freshman guard Hannah Epstein fires up a jumper in action earlier this season. Epstein made a solid debut for the Panthers as she broke into double figures on several occasions this winter for PDS, which finished with a 2-19 record. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Hun Boys' Hockey Solidified Status, Aims to Upgrade Defensive System

The Hun School boys' ice hockey team solidified its status as a squad to be reckoned with by posting a 10-6-3 record this winter, the program's second-straight winning season.

But in reflecting on a season in which the Raiders suffered a pair of one-goal losses and a couple of two-goal losses to go with their three ties, Hun

head coach Francois Bourbeau lamented what might have been.

"We came pretty close to a really good season," said Bourbeau, whose team's campaign ended with a roller-coaster 5-4 loss to Notre Dame in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) quarterfinals as the Raiders were denied in their bid to repeat as

MCT champs.

"Overall it was a pretty good season. I wish we would've ended things better. The game with Notre Dame was really good. We just needed a few more minutes."

Bourbeau acknowledged that his club needs to make better use out of the time it does have on the ice. "We need to improve our systems," asserted Bourbeau, who has now completed three years at the helm of the Raider program. "We just needed a little more practice time to polish things."

Hun certainly had a polished performer in senior forward Matt Torstrup, who scored a team-high 32 points on 22 goals and 10 assists.

"He made a big contribution to the program," said Bourbeau referring to his senior star. "He was a big help, he will be missed."

Bourbeau also got solid production from other seniors such as Drew Mervin (23 points on 15 goals and eight assists) and Justin Schleiler (15 points on seven goals and eight assists).

"The seniors were a really good group," asserted Bourbeau, whose crew of seniors also included Jeffery Fisher, Colin Ryan, John Rankin, Andrew Starr, and Jonathan Begg. "They were really close to each other. It was the group I came in with when I started here and there was a really good relationship between the players and the coaches. I hope the next group can follow that up."

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SERIOUS BUSINESS: Hun School hockey coach Francois Bourbeau looks on with concern as his team battled in an early-season contest. Bourbeau guided the Raiders to a 10-6-3, the program's second straight winning campaign.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Hun School senior forward Jeffrey Fisher (No. 7) helps goalie Ben Wirjosemito ward off a Princeton Day School player in an early season contest. Wirjosemito was a mainstay in the net this winter as the Raiders went 10-6-3 and made it the state Prep semifinals and the Mercer County Tournament quarterfinals.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Bourbeau believes he has a good foundation for next season in star junior goalie Ben Wirjosemito. "When you start with a good goalie you have a good backbone," said Bourbeau. "If a team doesn't have a good backbone, it can't walk."

In Bourbeau's view, he has a good cast of returners in front of Wirjosemito. "I'm expecting a lot from my juniors and sophomores," asserted Bourbeau, who had 10 underclassmen on his roster this winter. "I think A.J. Blackburn will step up and be more of a leader. Brendan Ryan always works hard. I'm expecting him to see more ice time."

The initial focus going forward will be tightening up on his club's defense. "We need to have better positioning on defense," explained Bourbeau. "My defensive zone coverage has to improve. We need to force teams to take fewer shots from the crease and more from the point. Those shots are easier for a goalie to handle."

Bourbeau believes the Hun program is poised to handle themselves well in the future. "I'm pretty confident, the younger guys learned a lot this year," added Bourbeau. "They seem happy in the program, that's a good sign. Since I first came here, the program is really evolving. We're getting respect in the area from the other teams."

—Bill Alden

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Stuart Hoops Showed Grit But Needs Inside Presence

The way the Stuart Country Day basketball team performed in the last week of its season mirrored its up-and-down campaign.

In a state Prep B quarterfinal game, the fifth-seeded Tartans travelled to the fourth-seeded Morristown-Beard and knocked off the Crimson 50-43.

"They didn't know us, we didn't know them," said Stuart head coach Tony Bowman in reflecting on the game. "They had a spurt on us in the third quarter but we didn't buckle under. We came back and played well. I think that was one of our best efforts of the season."

Three days later, however, Stuart couldn't get its offense going as it fell 54-26 to powerful Pennington in the Prep B semis. "I think we were too anxious," said Bowman in assessing the loss to the eventual Prep B champs which left his team with a final record of 10-13.

"We didn't play with composure. We didn't run our offense and get shots like we should. We made mistakes and so did they. They did a better job of capitalizing on mistakes."

Looking at the season as a whole, Bowman thought the team capitalized on its opportunities for the most part.

"One of my goals was to get more games and we went from 13 to 23 games," said Bowman. "Our schedule was pretty competitive. I wanted a .700 season so 10-13 was a little disappointing. We had some close losses. We had four or five games that

could've gone the other way."

Bowman, who just completed his second year guiding the Stuart program, likes the way things are heading.

"Rome wasn't built in a day," said Bowman with a laugh. "This is my second year with the program and I think the girls are getting used to my approach. The kids put in a good effort. We need to get more kids into the program."

Looking ahead, the Tartans will be relying heavily on two key veterans, junior Kathryn Kitts and sophomore Kelly Bruvik. Kitts led the Tartans in scoring with an average of 16.9 points per game. Bruvik, for her part, chipped in 10.6 points a contest. "They will be our main players," said Bowman, referring to Kitts and Bruvik. "They play hard, they run well."

Bowman acknowledges that his team needs to beel up down low in order to advance further in the prep playoffs. "We need to develop an inside presence," said Bowman, whose starting lineup didn't feature any players 6'0 or taller.

"We would box out two kids and two other tall kids would still be there to get rebounds. We had 50 kids in our junior school program and we run a summer camp so maybe that will help."

In any event, the upbeat Bowman is looking forward to helping the Tartans continue their progression. "I'm always optimistic," declared Bowman. "To go from No. 3 in Prep B to No. 1, we need more bodies. It's a good challenge."

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COLD COMFORT: The Nassau Hockey Under-19 girls' squad is all smiles despite dropping a 4-2 battle to the Greenwich Wings last Monday in the Club League Championship game played at the Princeton Sports Center. In the title game, Nassau jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Georgia Travers and Rebecca Beyer. However, Greenwich scored four unanswered goals and Nassau could not find the back of the net again even though it outshot Greenwich 32 to 28. Emily Schulte had 24 saves in goal for Nassau, which finished its season with an 11-13-6 overall record. In the Club League regular season, Nassau finished in first place with an 8-1-3 record. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Rebecca Beyer, Emily Schulte, Jane Sancinito, Alyssa Ciccotelli, and Suzanne Hudis. Pictured from left in the back row are Rebecca Katz, Mary Kate Rogener, Georgia Travers, Blathnaid Mahon, Carly Moseley, Charlotte Pashley, Dee Dee Mahon, and Julie DeSimone. Not pictured are Cami Mahon, Kristen Naylor, Katherine Levinton, and Payson Sword.

STUART

Field Hockey: Stuart senior star sweeper Ami Patel was named this week as the winner of the Tiffany Bashore Memorial Award. The award is given by the Central Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association. It recognizes the player who writes the best essay regarding the following factors: respect for the contest, yourself, and your opponent; commitment to doing your best and team loyalty; and love for the game.

gy. Rossi, who recently helped lead the PHS girls' team into the state Public B championship meet, clocked a 1:52.20 time in the 200 free and a 56.18 in the 100 fly.

Wrestling: Will Borchert's stellar career came to an end as he lost last Sunday in the wrestleback round of the Region 5 meet held at Hunterdon Central. Borchert, wrestling at 189 pounds, dropped a 9-5 decision to Hillsborough's Ernie Gualmano in his final bout.

Football: PHS senior star quarterback Vinny Giacalone will be honored on March 13 as one of the 2005 Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Leader-Athlete Winners. Giacalone threw for 1,731 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2004 as Princeton finished 5-5, winning as many games as it had the previous three seasons combined.

Giacalone is a leader off-the-field as well. He is the senior class president at PHS and has spoken to the school board and state assembly. In the classroom, he carries a 3.9 GPA. He has won the

PHS

Swimming: Demonstrating once again that she is one of the top swimmers in the state, PHS junior superstar Nina Rossi won the 200-yard freestyle and the 100 butterfly at the NJSIAA Girls' Individual Swimming Championships last Sunday at the Gloucester County Institute of Technolo-

HUN

Football: Hun School senior star Pat Gallagher will be honored on March 13 as one of the 2005 Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Leader-Athlete Winners. Gallagher, who is headed to Princeton University this fall, was a three-time all-Prep selection. He played center, nose guard, and linebacker for the Raiders, earning the prestigious Coach's Award from head coach Dave Dudeck at the end of the season.

A top wrestler and lacrosse player, Gallagher has also been busy off-the-field. Gallagher is involved in the school's diversity club, serves as a senior Peer Leader, works on the school's TV station, and writes for the Hun yearbook and newspaper. "Patrick was the most intense, dedicated, toughest football player I have ever coached," said Hun defensive coordinator John Law. "He provides great leadership among his peers."

PDS

Football: PDS senior star Jared Makrancy will be honored on March 13 as one of the 2005 Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Leader-Athlete Winners. Makrancy was a powerful presence on the line for the Panthers in 2004, helping the team to four straight wins and 19 consecutive shutout quarters in the middle of the season. Makrancy has been the team's sack leader the last three seasons.

Also a lacrosse star and ice hockey player, Makrancy has made himself a lasting part of the PDS community. He has earned a diploma of outstanding achievement in the National Russian Essay Contest and excels in a challenging curriculum. "His teammates fed off his intensity and desire," said PDS coach Bruce Devlin in assessing Makrancy's impact on the team. "He worked extremely hard to get better each season and was dedicated to turning our football program around."



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LOCAL SPORTS

Princeton Pop Warner Holding Registration

The Princeton Pop Warner (PPW) youth football and cheerleading program is holding its annual early registration on March 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Both sessions will take place at the Princeton Charter School on 575 Ewing St.

Boys and girls ages 5-14 (who weigh up to 150 pounds for football) are eligible to play in the football program or participate in cheerleading. The early registration fee is \$130, which includes all equipment/uniforms except for cleats.

PPW is in its third season of youth football and is adding a

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Princeton Special Sports Holding Baseball Sign-up

Princeton Special Sports (PSS) is now registering players for its upcoming spring baseball season.

PSS provides youth sports programs to children ages 4-18 who have physical or cognitive special needs. The baseball program will start with a trip to Shea Stadium for a Mets game and will run through the end of June.

Games will be played on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Park fields in Princeton. Players receive individual training and assistance through PSS coaches and volunteer child buddies.

Player registration forms and information on becoming a PSS coach or buddy are available at the Princeton Recreation Department or via the PSS website at www.princeton specialsports.com. Players registering after March 18 can only be accepted if space and buddies are available.

For more information, contact Deborah Martin Norcross via e-mail at specialsports@aol.com or on the phone at (609) 279-0191.

Princeton Travel Hoops Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-12 boys' travel basketball team advanced to the Central Jersey League championship game with a 52-51 double overtime win over West Windsor. Kevin Gary led Princeton with 17 points with Peter Lee-Kramer adding nine and Jack Willoughby chipping in eight. Princeton will face Ewing in the championship game on March 13 at the John Witherspoon Middle School.

Marlowe Alter's key three-pointer helped the Princeton U-14 boys edge Flemington 42-41 as they advanced to the semifinals of the Montgomery League. Antoine Hoppenot scored 14 points and Steven Lee-Kramer pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Princeton.

Princeton's U-13 boys advanced in the playoffs of the North Brunswick League with a 43-41 win over Milltown. Skye Ettin dropped in 17 points while Josh Gordon added 13 points, 12 rebounds, and five assists. Princeton lost to top seed Upper Merion in Central Jersey League semifinal action by a score of 53-39. Gordon led Princeton with 13 points in the loss.

Princeton's U-12 girls' Black moved into the Trenton PAL semifinals with a 34-16 win over Notre Dame. Janie

Smukler paced Princeton with 14 points.

Princeton U-12 girls' Orange dropped a 14-7 decision to Lawrence in Central Jersey League action as Katie Reilly led Princeton with four points.

Dillon Youth Basketball Playoff Results

In playoff quarterfinal action last weekend in the 4th/5th grade division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Julius Nicklasson scored 11 points and David Bronstein added seven as the PBA Lions beat Momentum Fitness 32-15. Princeton Supply defeated Princeton Dental 24-9 as Ellis Bloom and Mike Manley each scored eight points. Mason, Griffin & Pierson beat The Café Jr. 22-9 with Matt Hoffman and Ryan Meier scoring seven points apiece. Woodwinds topped Iano's Pizza 22-20 as Spencer Baldwin scored eight points and Marshall Borden added six. Davon Holliday-Black had nine points in the loss.

In the playoff quarterfinals of the boys' 6th/7th grade league, McCaffrey's topped Princeton Amoco 31-17 with Aaron Wisnick leading the way with 11 points and Max Reid adding nine. Jonathan Ostroff scored 15 points to lead SportsMedicine of Princeton to a 29-24 win over Tull's Terrors. Blue Point Grill topped GR Murray Insurance 23-21 as Trevor Barsamian scored 11 points and Jake Golden added eight. Doug Bryant scored nine points to lead Momentum Fitness to a 22-15 win over Larini's Sunoco.

In the playoff semifinals of the boys' 8th/9th grade league, the Raiders cruised past the Vikings 45-27 as Matt Young scored 22 points and Jordan Allington added 11. Jelani Cherryrooks had 12 points and Zack Gilmore added eight for the Vikings. The Tigers advanced to the finals with a forfeit win over the Cougars.

In the junior girls' division playoff semifinals, the Mercury topped the Comets 7-4 as Annie Morris, Angela Gallagher and Louise Eisenach scored two points apiece. The Rockers edged the Sol 8-6 as Emma Wingreen scored six points.

In the playoff semifinals for the senior girls' division, the Sun topped the Mystics 30-14. Molly Lynch had 12 points for the Sun with Jenna Greenbaum adding 10. Caroline Passano scored 14 points in a losing cause. The Sting topped the Fever 26-18 as Kim Abrams scored 10 points and Casey Morris added six. Keisha Brown had 12 points and Kate Wiles added six for the Fever.

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OBITUARIES



George A. Graham

George Adams Graham, 100, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died February 25. A political scientist and educator, he taught at Princeton University for 28 years.

Born in Cambridge, N.Y., he received his B.A. from Monmouth College, Ill., in 1926 and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Illinois in 1930. He was a faculty member in the Politics Department at Princeton University from 1930 to 1958, chairing the department from 1946 to 1949 and from 1952 to 1955. He served as director of the public affairs program for the Ford Foundation from 1956 to 1957, Director of Governmental Studies at Brookings Institution from 1958 to 1967, and as a founding fellow and the first Executive Director of the National Academy of Public Administration from 1967 to 1972. He concluded his career at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as professor of public administration, achieving emeritus status in 1985.

His devotion to public service led to a variety of research and administrative assignments at the state and federal levels, including the U.S. Bureau of the Budget (1942 to 1945), the Hoover Commission Committee on Indian Affairs (chair, 1945 to 1946), the Hoover Commission Committee on Organization of the Executive Branch of Government (1948), the Senate Subcommittee on

Ethics in Government (1951), and the Hoover Commission Task Force on Personnel and Civil Service (Staff Director, 1953-1954).

In 1994, along with Frederic Cleaveland, he created the Plato Loft group, a bi-weekly discussion forum modeled on Princeton University seminars, composed of former colleagues, former students, and retired diplomats in Chapel Hill.

His books include *Education for Public Administration* (1941), *Morality in American Politics* (1952), and *Americo's Copcity to Govern* (1960).

He dedicated his life of teaching, research, and public administration to ensuring strong public service at all levels of government.

Predeceased by his first wife, Rosanna Grace Webster Graham, and by a son, Andrew Allen Graham, he is survived by his second wife, Elisabeth Childs Rowse Graham; two daughters, Lora Graham Lunt of Potsdam, N.Y., and Mary Graham Jenne of Scarsdale, N.Y.; seven step-children, Ruth Rowse Dahl of Geneseo, N.Y., Martha Rowse Kelder of Peterborough, N.H., Margaret Rowse Michaelson of Los Angeles, Mary Rowse of Washington, D.C., Robert Rowse of Portland, Maine, Carolee Rowse of Chevy Chase, Md., and Patricia Rowse of Washington, DC; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Leslie Deis

Leslie Deis, 49, of Dallas, Tex., formerly of Princeton, died January 26 following a long illness with cancer. She Administration from 1967 to 1972. He concluded his career at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as professor of public administration, achieving emeritus status in 1985.

Born in West Chester, Pa., she received her bachelor of science degree in architecture from Pennsylvania State University in 1977. She practiced architecture in Philadelphia and New Jersey for two companies before she and her partners formed the Dakota Architecture firm in Philadelphia.

In 1991 she married Chris Paddison and lived in Princeton with their two children. The couple divorced in 1995.

A Rotary Scholar, she was awarded a year abroad in La

Paz, Bolivia. She also studied architecture in Oslo, Norway for a semester.

She enjoyed traveling the world, taking trips to Italy, Scotland, Mexico, and Canada. She also traveled extensively in the United States, spending summer vacations at the beach with her parents and family in Stone Harbor, N.J. Recently she traveled with her children and parents to Costa Rica and Belize.

With her children, she attended The Tom Brown Wilderness Survival School for three summers.

Her passions were design and creative arts. She created many projects for the Bradfield Elementary School, and enjoyed creating decorations and artistic projects for parties and holidays.

She is survived by her children, Rose and Gus; her parents, Nancy and Lou Deis of Stone Harbor; a brother, Jeff of Boulder, Colo.; and two sisters, Susan of Philadelphia and Kelly Rickert of San Francisco.

A celebration of her life was held on January 31 at Saint Michael's and All Angels Church.

Gerald C. Neary

Gerald Clarke Neary, 72, of Princeton, died March 1 from complications of diabetes, at Acorn Glen Assisted Living.

He was a graduate of Choate-Rosemary Hall, Yale University with the class of 1957, and New York University Law School.

He was a tax specialist with Pitney, Hardin LLP in Morristown, and more recently with Herold and Haines in Warren.

Music was a ruling passion of his life. At Yale he was a member of the Glee Club and the Whiffenpoofs. After college, he sang with many choruses in New York City and with various a capella organizations. Locally he was a member of Princeton Pro Musica. He also sang with the Yale Alumni Glee Club, including performances in China and Russia in 1998 and 1999.

He was also an avid squash player and cyclist. A Free-Wheeler enthusiast, he participated in many biking fundraising events to benefit the American Diabetes Foundation. For several years he led and participated in the successful Tour de Cure.

He served on the Princeton Symphony Orchestra board, and was a member of New Jersey Future and the New Jersey Planned Giving Organization.

He is survived by his companion of 35 years, Toby Goodyear; his daughters Lisa Neary and Mary Louise Rubin; a sister, Susan Greene of Providence, R.I.; four grandchildren; Ms. Goodyear's children Jake Goodyear and Lauren Schramm; and her two grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Paul's Church on March 4.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Princeton Pro Musica, P.O. Box 1313, Princeton 08540; or to the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 250, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.



Miriam W. Coletti

Miriam Whitney Coletti, 103, of San Francisco, formerly of Princeton, died February 28 following a stroke.

Raised in Chicago and New Jersey, she attended the Parsons School of Design in New York, graduating in 1925. She spent her second year studying in Paris. She was an art teacher at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, Mass., and at The Museum School in Boston.

Her marriage in 1929 to Boston sculptor Joseph A. Coletti, ended in divorce.

She lived two years in New York City before moving to Princeton in 1945, where she lived for 49 years until moving to a retirement community in San Francisco in 1993.

In addition to her interest in fine arts she was passionate about the benefits of psychotherapy, believing it should be available to everyone, especially children. To that end she gave a building known as the Whitney Center on Nassau Street to become a center for psychological counseling for children. Now known as The Family Guidance Center, it was originally known as The Child Guidance Center.

She is survived by two daughters, Donata Mecham of San Francisco and Miriam Dow of Buffalo, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held in Trinity Church, Princeton, in June.

Funeral arrangements are by Bay Area Cremation and Funeral Services, 1189 Oddstad Drive, Redwood City, Calif.

Edwin R. Sherman Jr.

Edwin R. Sherman Jr., 79, of Princeton, died February 26 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Brunswick, Ga., he had lived in Princeton for the past 50 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree at Emory University in Atlanta, and later a master's degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. While at Emory, he was a member of the ATO fraternity.

He was a former reporter for the Brunswick (Ga.) News.

Son of the late Edith and Edwin R. Sherman Sr., he is survived by his wife, Constance, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were private and under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary M. C. Argue

Mary M. Clarke Argue, 88, of Princeton, died February 28 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cavan, Ireland, she lived in Princeton most of her life. She was a member of St. Paul's Church.

Daughter of the late James and Brigdet Clarke, she is survived by a daughter, Monica Bahm of Piscataway; a brother, John Clarke, and two sisters, Brigdet Mulheron and Kathleen Clarke, all of Ireland; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was March 5 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church.

Burial was in the family plot in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society of New Jersey, Mercer County Chapter, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville 08648.

Antoinette Arcamone

Antoinette B. Arcamone, 75, of Princeton, died March 3 at the University Medical Center Of Princeton. She was a lifelong Princeton resident.

Daughter of the late Peter and Adelina Moreno Mazzioti, she is survived by her husband of 55 years, Americo A. Arcamone; a son, Frank of Washington Crossing, Pa.; two daughters, Karen Cinkay of Plainsboro and Adele Hagadorn of Skillman; two sisters, Anna Stachurski of Cranbury and Carmela Trani of Hudson, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery.

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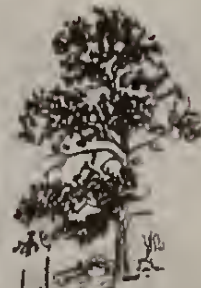
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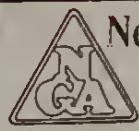
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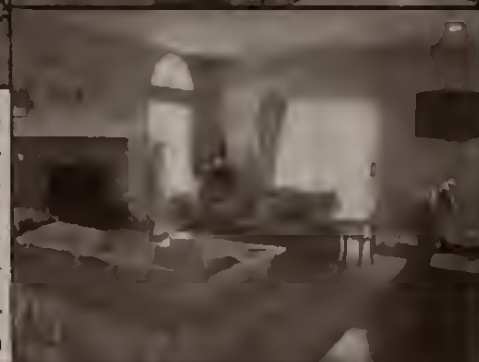
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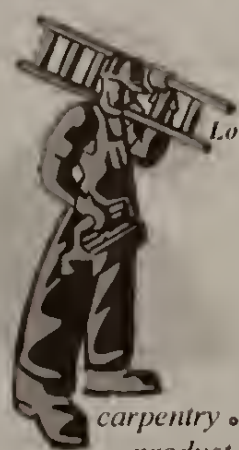
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